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Home Missions	C. O. Vance, Greenway
State Missions	James Lambert, Boone, First
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HISTORICAL EVENTS

BLOWING ROCK, FIRST — Special Bicentennial Christian Citizen Service; Youth Corps worker half-time; new Allen organ dedicated; August Radio ministry — Sunday School and worship.

BOONE, FIRST — Lay Witness Mission, November 14-16, 1975; adopted new Church Constitution and By-Laws; held first "Sharing Christ through Creative Arts and Crafts" Festival, February 1976; first B S U — Church Mid-Winter Retreat, January 1976.

COVE CREEK — Licensed Robert M. Moore, Sr.; Observed 176th Anniversary of Church.

GREENWAY — Ground-Breaking for new Educational Building, November 2, 1975.

MIDDLE FORK — Paid off parsonage debt.

PROFFIT'S GROVE — Added Pastor's study to church; purchased church bus.

RICH MOUNTAIN — Entered new building; appointed Carter Moretz, Youth Director.

SOUTH FORK — New piano donated to church in memory of Clint Reid by his family. Dedication was held 4th Sunday in September 1975.

THREE FORKS — Celebration of 185th Anniversary; completion of new educational building.
WHITE ROCK — Began sponsorship of a missionary to School for Deaf in Jamaica.
WILLOW VALLEY — Paid for new Sunday School rooms and Nursery.

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Collis M. Austin, Rt. 3, Boone 28607 . . . . . Greenway
Guy Norris, Rt. 5, Boone 28607 . . . . . Howard's Creek
Jack N. Greer, Rt. 5, Box 416, Boone 28607 . . . . . Howard's Creek
Rodney Howell, Fleetwood 28626 . . . . . Laurel Springs
Edward Stokes, Oak Grove Road, Boone 28607 . . . . . Mabel
Johnny Hayes, Homespun Hills, Boone 28607 . . . . . Middle Fork
Bill Stanbery, Rt. 2, Boone 28607 . . . . . Meat Camp
Lee Greer, Banner Elk 28604 . . . . . Mount Calvary
J. W. Norris, P. O. Box 448, Boone 28607 . . . . . Oak Grove
Bill Hartley, Farthing Street, Boone 28607 . . . . . Perkinsville
Tommy Dotson, Rt. 1, Boone 28607 . . . . . Pleasant Grove
Mace Fletcher, Rt. 3, Boone 28607 . . . . . Poplar Grove
S. B. Brown, Sr., Rt. 1, Boone 28607 . . . . . Rutherwood
Tommy Jones, Meadowview Drive, Boone 28607 . . . . . South Fork
Farthing Hayes, Rt. 2, Boone 28607 . . . . . Three Forks
Walter Edmisten, Rt. 5, Box 309, Boone 28607 . . . . . Three Forks
William H. Smith, Rt. 1, Box 286, Banner Elk 28604 . . . . . White Rock
Carter Matheson, Rt. 1, Vilas 28692 . . . . . Willowdale
Allen Cornett, Rt. 1, Zionville 28698 . . . . . Zionville

PROGRAM

THEME: LET CHRIST'S FREEDOM RING

FIRST DAY - TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 1976

PERKINSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

MORNING SESSION

9:00 Hymn—Onward Christian Soldiers ..... No. 412
Salute to the American and Christian Flags ..... Perkinsville Church
Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. J. R. Bouldin

9:15 ORGANIZATION OF PROGRAM:
Constitution of 136th Session
Adoption of Order of Business
Welcome ..... Rev. Charles Allard
Presentation of New Pastors ..... Rev. C. O. Vance

9:25 Moderator's Address ..... James Marsh, Sr.

10:00 Filmstrip: Foundation of Religious Freedom

10:15 Report on Constitutional Amendment ..... Rev. J. C. Jones, Jr.
Missions Committee Report and
Nomination of Superintendent of Missions ..... Dr. Robert L. Newton
Miscellaneous Business
Recognition of Visitors
Roll Call

10:35 Hymn—Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory ..... Greenway Youth Choir

10:40 OUR CONVENTION AT WORK THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM:
Panel Discussion ..... Bob Shepherd, moderator
State and Home Missions ..... Howard Ford
Foreign Missions ..... Dale Hooper
Annuity Board ..... Sam O'Neal
Evangelism ..... William C. Lamb

11:45 Hymn—America the Beautiful ..... No. 489
Special Music ..... Greenway Youth Choir
Message ..... Dr. Robert L. Newton

12:30 Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 Hymn—Faith of Our Fathers ..... No. 252
Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. George Berry
Filmstrip: Church and State-The Struggle Begins

1:50 OUR ASSOCIATION AT WORK:
Election of Moderator and Vice Moderator
Nominating Committee Report ..... Boyd Atwood
Committee on Committees Report ..... Rev. Robert Mann
Treasurer and Auditor's Report ..... Jerry Adams
Camp Joy Report ..... Mrs. Margaret Hartley

2:40 Hymn — The Church's One Foundation ..... No. 380

2:45 Our Baptist Heritage ..... Dr. Roy Carroll
Benediction

SECOND DAY - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1976

BRUSHY FORK BAPTIST CHURCH

MORNING SESSION

9:00 Hymn—All Hail the Power ..... No. 1
Welcome ..... Dr. Charles Isley
Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. James Hagaman
Filmstrip: Religion and the New Nation

9:20 OUR CONVENTION AT WORK:
Children's Homes
Homes for the Aging
Baptist Hospital
Christian Literature
Message ..... Richard Smith

10:00 Constitutional Amendment and
Election of Superintendent of Missions

10:15 Hymn—Lead On, O King Eternal ..... No. 236

10:20 OUR ASSOCIATION AT WORK:
Sunday School
Church Training
Woman's Missionary Union
Baptist Brotherhood
Music Ministry
Pastoral Support
Church Libraries
Message ..... Rev. Earl Pym

10:50 Place and Preacher Report ..... Rev. Fred Reece

10:55 Report of Resolutions Committee ..... Dr. George Miles

11:15 Special Music ..... The Signs - R. A. M. Youth Group

11:20 Message ..... Rev. James Lambert

12:00 Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 Hymn—How Firm a Foundation ..... No. 199
Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. Delmar James
Filmstrip: Safeguarding Our Heritage

1:20 Singspiration ..... Dr. Charles Isley

1:30 Message ..... Dr. Forrest Feezor

2:00 Memorial Service ..... Mrs. Blanche Perry

Benediction

CONSTITUTION FOR THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I — *Name and Composition*

Section 1. This body shall be known as the Three Forks Missionary Baptist Association.

Section 2 It shall be composed of the messengers of Missionary Baptist Churches in Watauga County and other Missionary Baptist Churches, co-operating with and supporting the work of the Association and of the State and Southern Baptist Convention, which may wish to unite with them.

Section 3. Each church having fifty members, or less, shall be entitled to three messengers, and one additional messenger for each additional fifty members or fraction thereof: provided that no church has more than ten messengers in addition to the pastor. The pastors of the churches and the duly elected officers of the Association shall be ex-officio messengers.

Section 4. Any church failing to report the annual letter to the Association, or failing to be represented at the annual meeting, or failing to contribute to associational and denominational causes for two consecutive years shall be notified by the Executive Committee that if their failure is not remedied by the next annual meeting, recommendation shall be made to remove said church from Membership in the Association.

ARTICLE II — *Objects*

Section 1. The object of this Association shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing the harmony, intelligence and spiritual power of the churches, and for developing and directing their energies, their resources and gifts in winning and developing people in the Redeemer's Kingdom throughout the world.

Section 2. For the better accomplishment of the above objectives this association shall, in so far as is practicable, cooperate with the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

ARTICLE III — *Officers and Committees*

Section 1a. Officers of this body shall be Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Woman's Missionary Union Director, Brotherhood Director, Director of Evangelism, Historian, Music Director, Pianist, Director of Church Library Services, and Camp Joy Director. The Moderator and Vice Moderator shall be nominated and elected from the floor. Nominations for these other officers shall be made by a Nominating Committee consisting of six members appointed by the Committee on Committees as provided for in Section 2 of this Article, except that nominations for the Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, WMU Director and Brotherhood Director shall be made by their respective organizations to the Nominating Committee prior to the annual meeting of the Association. Nominations by these groups shall not preclude nominations from the floor. These officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the Association then in session.

Section 1b. Unless otherwise stated all officers and members of committees of the Association shall be eligible for re-election to consecutive terms.

Section 2. The Committee on Committees shall be composed of five members appointed by the Moderator. This committee shall prepare for the approval of the Association the names of individuals, provided these have been notified and have given their consent, to serve on the following committees: Nominating, Missions, Finance, Associational Properties, and Associational Trustees. It shall also be the duty of this committee to name, for the approval of the Association, individuals to serve as representatives in the Association and to bring to the Association annual reports on the following causes: Baptist Hospital, Children's Homes, Homes for the Aging, Annuity Board, Biblical Recorder, Christian Education. The Committee shall also provide for reports on Christian Stewardship, Memorials, Public Morals, and such other reports as may be deemed necessary and desirable.

Section 3. The Associational Executive Committee shall be composed of one lay member elected by each cooperating church, the pastors of such churches, the officers of the Association, and the members of committees as provided for in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article. Ten members of this Committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business, after notice of such meeting has been mailed or otherwise given to all members of the committee as least three days prior to the proposed meeting. The Executive Committee shall act as the Association ad interim. The Moderator shall call a meeting of this Committee as soon as practicable after the annual associational meeting to plan for such regular meeting as may be necessary and desirable. Churches are requested to elect their lay member and include his or her name and address in the associational letter.

ARTICLE IV — *Duties of Officers and Committees*

Section 1. The *Moderator* shall be elected for a one-year term and cannot succeed himself after the second consecutive term. He shall preside over the annual meeting of the Association and the meetings of the Executive Committee. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. He shall be a fraternal visitor, counselor and advisor with the churches regarding their work during the year. The Moderator shall appoint the following committees in advance of the annual meeting:

a. A committee on enrollment, which shall be composed of members of the host church. This committee shall arrange for the registration of all messengers and visitors at the annual meetings.

b. A committee composed of three members on place and preacher, whose duty it shall be to recommend to the Association the churches at which the next annual session of the Association shall meet and the preacher for the annual sermon and his alternate.

c. A committee on resolutions expressing appreciation or sentiment on any matter chosen by the committee or directed by the Association. This committee shall receive all resolutions presented to the Association and shall study them and make recommendations to the Association concerning them.

d. A committee on order of business, which shall include the Moderator, Clerk, Host Pastors, and the Associational Missionary. This committee shall prepare a program for the annual meeting and present a printed *Suggested Order of Business* at the beginning of the annual association for its adoption.

Section 2. The *Vice Moderator* shall be elected annually for a one-year term and cannot succeed himself after the second consecutive term. He shall preside in the absence of or at the pleasure of the Moderator. He shall serve as Chairman of the Missions Committee and as Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The *Clerk* shall be elected annually and may be re-elected for consecutive terms. The clerk shall distribute blank letter forms to the clerks of the churches affiliated with the Association. He or she shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the body in regular session and of the sessions of the Executive Committee. The Clerk shall perform the services of statistician, filling in from the church letters a digest of the records of the churches which shall be presented in duplicated form to the messengers at the annual meeting. The Clerk shall arrange for the printing and distribution of the minutes of the Association as soon after the annual meeting as practicable. The Clerk's annual compensations shall be $100.00, or such amount as may from time to time be determined by the Finance Committee.

Section 5. The *Song Leader and Pianist* shall lead the sessions of the Association in worship through sacred hymns and appropriate music. The Song Leader shall encourage better worship through music in the churches of the Association.

Section 6. The *Superintendent of Evangelism* shall work with the churches and pastors of the Association to achieve a positive and effective program of evangelism in each church. He shall lead in the promotion of simultaneous revivals in the Association when these are determined to be feasible and desirable by the Association or by the Executive Committee.

Section 7. The *Associational Librarian* shall encourage and assist the churches of the Association in establishing and maintaining church libraries.

Section 8. The *Camp Joy Director* shall administer Camp Joy and encourage its use by the churches and organizations of the Association. The Director shall consult with and be assisted by the Missions Committee in planning a program of activities and providing for the general use of the Camp.

Section 9. The *Organizational Leaders* — Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, WMU President and Brotherhood President — shall lead in the promotion and development of the work of their respective organizations in the churches of the Association.

Section 10. The *Associational Historian* shall collect and put in some durable form all facts of interest about each of the churches which serve as host to the Association in its annual session. He shall endeavor to collect and preserve historical materials relative to the churches and the work of the Association.

Section 11. The *Missions Committee* shall be composed of ten (10) members elected as provided for in Article III, Section 2 above, provided that this committee shall include a representative of the Associational Sunday School, Training Union, WMU, and Brotherhood organizations. The Vice Moderator shall serve as chairman of this committee, and the Associational Missionary shall be an ex-officio member of it. It shall be the duty of this committee to:

a. Coordinate and help promote all phases and activities of the Associational Program.

b. This Committee shall work closely with the Associational Missionary, and shall act as an advisory council in matters related to the successful discharge of duties pertaining to his office.

c. The Missions Committee shall promote and develop new Missionary Baptist churches in areas where needed, using the aid and assistance of local churches.

d. It shall provide information and assistance to the Department of State Missions of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in meeting local missionary needs, such as missionary pastor's assistance, promotion of mission causes, etc.

e. This Committee shall consult with and give guidance and aid to churches anticipating membership in the Association, and shall bring to the Association recommendations of petitionary letters from such churches.

f. The Missions Committee shall give advice and assistance, by invitation from the church concerned, in the ordination of ministers and the constitution of new churches, having always the freedom to call on the ministers of the Association to form councils or otherwise give assistance in such matters.

g. The Missions Committee shall consult with and give assistance to the Director of Camp Joy in planning activities and providing for the general use of the Camp.

h. The Missions Committee shall name individuals to report to the Association on Association, State, Home, and Foreign Missions.

i. The Missions Committee shall meet prior to the meeting of the Executive Committee, or at any other time necessary to the discharge of its duties.

Section 12. The *Finance Committee* shall be composed of five members elected as provided for in Article III, Section 2. The duties of this Committee shall be:

a. To prepare and submit an associational budget to the Association at its annual meeting for the work of the following year.

b. To endeavor to secure the cooperation of the churches in raising the budget.

c. To allocate surplus funds in the treasury over and above what is required for budgeted items, to objects of the Association where most needed. No officer or committee shall have authority to make purchases, contracts, or obligations binding on the Association unless there is an itme in the budget to cover the obligation, and funds are available in the treasury, without the prior approval of the Association or the Executive Committee.

Section 13. The *Associational Properties Committee* shall be composed of three members elected as provided for in Article III, Section 2. It shall have general oversight of the Associational Missionary's home, the Associational office with its equipment and supplies, and over Camp Joy.

It shall make recommendations to the Finance Committee and to the Association or the Executive Committee on matters relating to the upkeep of the Missionary's home and the needs necessary for the efficient administration of the office of Associational Missionary. This Committee shall have the duty of making recommendations to the Association or to the Executive Committee on matters relating to the upkeep of Camp Joy. The Committee shall have general oversight to see that approved repairs and improvements are effected. The Camp Joy Director shall be ex-officio member of this Committee.

Section 14. There shall be three *Trustees* elected for a term of three years each, but terms shall rotate so that one member is elected each year, as previously herein provided. It shall be the duty of the Trustees to act as the legal representatives of the Association in all matters relating to law, and to sign all legal documents as directed by the Association, or the Executive Committee, to hold in trust any property, endowment, or other securities of the Association, and to exercise the power, under the instruction of the Association or the Executive Committee, to hold, buy, sell, and convey property, both real and personal and to sign all papers necessary for the purchases or conveyance.

Section 15. The office of *Superintendent of Missions* shall be filled upon recommendation of the Missions Committee and by a two-thirds majority of the messengers voting at the annual meeting or by a two-thirds majority of the Executive Committee voting during any regular meeting. By virtue of his office the Superintendent of Missions shall be considered an officer of the Association and an ex-officio member of all committees, unless otherwise stipulated. The services of the Superintendent of Missions shall continue so long as the relationship is mutually agreeable.

ARTICLE V — *Amendments*

This constitution may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided notice to the change be read at the Association during the morning of the first day of the annual meeting.

BY-LAWS

1. The Association shall convene annually on Tuesday and Wednesday following the first Sunday in August unless otherwise determined by the Association of Executive Committee.

2. The Associational year shall begin July 1st of each year and close June 30 of the following year.

3. All questions of order shall be decided by Kerfoot's *Parliamentary Law.*

4. The written reports of this body, with exception of that of the Executive Committee and the Associational Misisonary, shall be limited to 500 words. In case a report is longer, the clerk is hereby authorized to revise the report, maintaining the salient facts.

5. The Officers and Committees of the Association shall cooperate with the Associational Missionary in the preparation of an Associational Calendar of Activities, which shall be made available to each church of the Association.

6. The expenses incurred by the Clerk in printing the minutes and preparing the statistical report, the Committee on Order of Business in printing their Suggested Program, and all promotional expenses authorized by the Association shall be paid by the Treasurer. Churches of the Association are requested to make a liberal contribution for these purposes when submitting their church letters to the Clerk.

7. There shall be a Committee of Seven to act as a Council on Ordination of Ministers and Constitution of new churches. The work of this committee shall be purely at the invitation of the churches involved.

8. The By-Laws may be changed at any session by a vote of majority of the Messengers present.

PROCEEDINGS

of the

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIXTH

ANNUAL SESSION

Held With

PERKINSVILLE AND BRUSHY FORK CHURCHES

Tuesday August 3, 1976 - Wednesday August 4, 1976

FIRST DAY

1. The 136th Annual Session of the Three Forks Baptist Association met Tuesday morning August 3, 1976 at Perkinsville Church.

2. At 9:00 a. m. James Marsh, Sr., moderator, announced the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers." With Mrs. William C. Lamb at the piano, Adrian Littlejohn, minister of music at First Baptist, Boone, led in singing this hymn.

3. Mrs. Ann Cook, Perkinsville Church, led in the pledges of Allegiance to the American Flag, held by Debra Cook, The Christian Flag, held by Jamie Moten and the Bible, held by Steve Limbacher.

4. J. R. Bouldin, pastor of Cove Creek Church, read I John 1, commented and led in prayer.

5. James Marsh called the meeting to order and presented the suggested program for the two-day session. Motion was made to adopt, it was seconded and so ordered.

6. Charles Allard, pastor of Perkinsville Church, gave a cordial welcome to the messengers and visitors assembled.

7. C. O. Vance, Interim Missionary, presented the new pastors: J. R. Bouldin, Cove Creek; Lester Carson, Gap Creek; George Berry, Middle Fork; and Delmar James, Proffit's Grove. These were present. He also mentioned Bill Warren, Clark's Creek, (he was present the second day); Maurice Ward, Bethany and Friendship; Ray Greene, Timbered Ridge; Quincy Norris, Zion Hill; Stanley Cabell, Rutherwood; and Lawrence Hagaman. These were not present. (Mr. Hagaman was present the second day.)

8. The Moderator, with appropriate words, on behalf of the Association, presented C. O. Vance a watch for his untiring efforts as part-time missionary the past nine months.

9. James Marsh commented on the report of the Executive Committee found in the Book of Reports. In his Moderator's Address he took for his subject, "Running a Race for God." His challenge was to start the day with God, end the day with God, use every hour of the day and deny self of things that keep us from doing our best. He closed with the 23rd Psalm.

10. Dr. Robert Newton, pastor of Blowing Rock, First Church, introduced the filmstrip' "Foundation of Religious Freedom," and told of others that would be shown in coming sessions. James Churchwell presented this and the other filmstrips.

11. J. C. Jones, Jr. presented the Constitutional Amendment proposed by his committee and authorized at the Annual Session of the Association 1975.

Article IV, Section 15, Page 9 of 1975 Annual.

Section 15. The office of Associational Missionary shall be filled upon recommendation of the Missions Committee and by a two-thirds majority of the messengers voting at the annual meeting. In case of a vacancy when the Association is not in session the Executive Committee shall call a missionary until the next session of the Association if a two-thirds majority of the Executive Committee is present and voting. By virtue of his office the Associational Missionary shall be considered an officer of the Association and an ex-officio member of all committees, unless otherwise stipulated. The services of the Associational Missionary shall continue so long as the relationship is mutually agreeable.

REVISION

Section 15. The office of Superintendent of Missions shall be filled upon recommendation of the Missions Committee and by a two-thirds majority of the messengers voting at the annual meeting or by a two-thirds majority of the Executive Committee voting during any regular meeting. By virtue of his office the Superintendent of Missions shall be considered an officer of the Association and an ex-officio member of all committees, unless otherwise stipulated. The services of the Superintendent of Missions shall continue so long as the relationship is mutually agreeable.

Mr. Jones made a motion this be considered and the vote taken on Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock. It was seconded and so ordered.

12. Robert L. Newton presented the report of the Missions Committee as found in the Book of Reports and commented fully on the recommendation of the Missions Committee that Rev. Earl Pym, Wadesboro, N. C. be called as Superintendent of Missions. The Missions Committee were unanimous in their recommendation, they had presented it to the Executive Committee in regular session and they, too, were unanimous in recommending Mr. Pym to the Association. This would be presented to the Association for their approval or disapproval on Wednesday morning.

13. At the roll call 34 churches answered, 20 pastors were present and at 10:20 o'clock 192 had registered.

14. The Youth Choir from Greenway Church stirred hearts with their rendition of "Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory." The congregation joined in the last chorus.

15. A highlight of the morning program was a panel discussion of "Our Convention at work Through the Cooperative Program." Bob Shepherd, president of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention, was moderator. He explained how the General Board and the Baptist State Convention operates.

Dale Hooper, missionary on furlough from Kenya, Africa spoke on Foreign Missions.

Dr. Howard Ford, Baptist State Convention, presented State and Home Missions. All 80 Associations have at some time been aided through State Missions and churches and associations are still being helped to get on their feet. There is a cooperative relation and plan of endeavor between State and Home Missions. Southern Baptists are standing on the threshold of the greatest advance in missions in their history as they participate in the BOLD MISSION THRUST as planned.

Cecil Fox, Canton, N. C., effectively explained the operation of the Annuity Board and urged all churches who had not already done so, to enter their pastor in the plans of the Board.

William C. Lamb, Chairman of Evangelism, mentioned the work Youth were doing this summer under the guidance of the Baptist State Convention, and Youth Evangelism Night August 13th at Greensboro. He especially emphasized the C A R E program in the spring of 1977: C-cultivate people; A-activate the inactive; R-revive people; E-enjoy fellowship.

Harold White, Director of Stewardship, suggested a Stewardship Chairman in each church, each church conduct some type of stewardship emphasis, increase Cooperative Program gifts, give a suggested amount to associational missions and have a special prayer for some Cooperative Program item in every service during October, Cooperative Program Month.

16. The hymn, "America The Beautiful," was sung.

17. "I Love America," was sung by the Youth Choir of Greenway Church.

18. Robert L. Newton brought the morning message. He read Mark 11: 11-19 and led in prayer. He spoke of what Jesus saw on his visit to the temple and asked the question, "What would Jesus see in our churches today? Would it be worship and service, would it be worldliness or a genuine concern for people, would it be division or evangelism?" He closed with prayer.

19. Lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

20. The afternoon session was opened with Mrs. Kathleen Ward at the piano and Randy Marsh leading in the singing of "Faith Of Our Fathers."

21. George Berry, pastor of Middle Fork Church, read Psalm 113 and led in prayer.

22. The filmstrip: "Church and State - The Struggle Begins," was shown.

23. Mr. Marsh expressed appreciation to Duane Thomas for the work he had done in making pictures of each Baptist Church in the Association for the 1976 Annual. This was at no cost to the Churches or Association.

24. When the election of the Moderator and Vice Moderator was called for, Robert Mann placed in nomination the name of Robert L. Newton as moderator, J. C. Jones, Jr. made a motion nominations cease and Dr. Newton be elected by acclamation, it was so ordered and the congregation stood in approval. J. C. Jones, Jr. nominated Charles Allard as vice moderator, Herbert McCoy moved nominations cease and he be elected by acclamation, it was so ordered and the congregation showed their approval by standing.

25. Boyd Atwood, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the suggested officers for the coming year and moved their adoption. It was seconded and approval was voiced with a loud "Amen." (This list is found in the Associational Directory.)

26. Robert C. Mann, Chairman of the Committee on Committees, presented their nominations and moved their adoption. A second was offered and again approval was voiced with an "Amen." (This list is also found in the Associational Directory.)

27. Jerry Adams had passed out copies of his treasurer's report previously but made one addition. There is a balance due on the Camp Joy property of $4,031.43. He moved the adoption of the report, it was seconded, there was no discussion and it was so ordered.

28. Mr. Adams then presented the Proposed Budget for 1976-77. Dr. Paul Caudill moved the Budget as presented, be accepted, it was seconded and discussed. J. C. Jones, Jr. moved to amend the motion by leaving the $600.00 for Convention Expense as listed. (It was already included in the $14,500.00 salary of the Superintendent of Missions.) This was seconded and the amendment was adopted. The motion as amended was accepted.

29. Mrs. Margaret Hartley commented on her report on Camp Joy found in the Book of Reports and moved its adoption. It was seconded and discussed. Jerry Adams suggested a treasurer for Camp Joy be elected and that account be kept separate from the general fund of the Association. This was referred to the Executive Committee who would suggest a treasurer. Mrs. Hartley spoke of the many groups using Camp Joy this summer but her desire was to see a spiritual program planned for the Camp which would include Bible study and teaching. Her report was received.

30. Jack Lawrence made a motion the Book of Reports as a whole be accepted as printed, it was seconded and so ordered.

31. The congregation sang the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation."

32. Mr. Marsh introduced Dr. Roy Carroll, chairman of the History Department of ASU, who spoke on "Our Baptist Heritage" or the better title, "Our Christian Heritage." He protrayed vividly what was suffered to give us religious freedom. He emphasized that a vital Christian faith will affect the way we live and the way we die. When we take religious liberty and freedom for granted we are taking for granted what we have no right to take for granted. "All men are not equal - all men are created equal", was a striking statement.

33. The first day of the Association was brought to a close with the benediction by J. C. Jones, Jr.

34. Total registration for the first day was 228.

35. These visitors were recognized the first day: Rev. and Mrs. Howard Cook; Mr. and Mrs. Marse Grant; Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Lamb; Rev. and Mrs. Earl Pym and David; Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Fox; Rev. and Mrs. Bob Shepherd; Rev. Dennis Wilson; Harold M. White; Dr. Howard J. Ford; Rev. Dale Hooper; Andy Greene; Mrs. Bill Spencer; Edwin Coates.

SECOND DAY
BRUSHY FORK BAPTIST CHURCH

36. At 9:00 a.m. Wednesday August 4th the Three Forks Baptist Association reconvened at Brushy Fork Church for the final session of 1976. James Marsh, Jr.

mentioned the first day's registration of 228 which was the largest in several years.

37. With Mrs. Ruby Perry at the piano and Dr. Charles Isley leading, the session was opened with the singing of "All Hail The Power."

38. Since Brushy Fork Church was without a pastor at this time, Dr. Isley, Minister of Music, extended a cordial welcome to the messengers and visitors.

39. James Hagaman, pastor of Rich Mountain Church, read Philippians 4:8, commented briefly and led in prayer.

40. James W. Churchwell showed the filmstrip: "Religion and the New Nation!"

41. Since Dr. Cecil Ray could not be present because of the illness of his wife, Richard Smith, Business Manager and Comptroller of the Baptist State Convention, spoke. He told how the Cooperative Program and State Mission is at work through our Children's Homes, Homes for the Aging, Baptist Hospital, Biblical Recorder and the many agencies Baptists support in the State.

Calvin Knight further emphasized the ministry of the Baptist Hospital, which is known nationally and internationally for its services and especially its Pastoral Ministry. He answered questions from the congregation to make clear his statements.

James Lambert mentioned how the Biblical Recorder Keeps Baptists up-to-date on important news, not only in North Carolina but across the Southern Baptist Convention. It is a line of communication between church and people.

Bill Poole stated that ground breaking for the new Home for the Aging in Asheville would be held in October and work would begin in the spring. He answered questions as to how applications were to be made for admission to the Homes.

Charles Bennett, new resident director of Mills Home, mentioned his work with the Children's Homes. He said, "It is a sacred trust to deal with children."

42. Adrian Littlejohn led in singing, "Lead On, O King Eternal."

43. J. C. Jones, Jr. presented the amendment to the Constitution which had been read on Tuesday and so did not read it again. He moved its adoption, it was seconded and discussed. The Committee was to continue working on the Constitution with other possible changes to be made. Dr. Caudill called for the question and the amendment carried with one "No" vote.

44. John D. Cook gave the brotherhood report which was received as presented.

45. Dr. Newton presented the recommendation from the Missions and Executive Committees, that the Rev. Earl Pym be called as Superintendent of Missions. He discussed the guidelines the Superintendent would follow and stated a copy would be in the next newsletter. He made a motion Mr. Pym be called, it was seconded, the vote was by standing and it was so ordered.

46. The roll call found 31 churches represented with 20 pastors. Every cooperating church was represented either the first or second day of the session.

47. Rev. Earl Pym was welcomed as Superintendent of Missions by James Marsh, Jr. Mr. Pym accepted the call and spoke his approval of the reports on Sunday School, Church Training, WMU, Brotherhood, Associational Missions, etc. as found in the Book of Reports. He gave as his definition of associational missions, "An associational fellowship of churches on mission in a given location". There is a divine mission for every association: a mission of fellowship, love and trust, strength and growth, training, to provide human and financial resources, organizational development, outreach and support. He mentioned the BOLD MISSION THRUST which is a three-year program designed to give every person in North Carolina an opportunity to hear the gospel and every Christian an opportunity to witness to the love of God.

48. Dr. Caudill presented Mrs. Clyde Perry to the Association. She is 86 years old and has been coming to the Association since she was 10 years old. Her father, W. S. Farthing, was for many years, moderator of the Association.

49. Randy Marsh sang, "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?"

50. Rev. Fred Reece, pastor of Oak Grove Church, presented the report on Place and Preacher. The report was accepted. (This is found in the Associational Directory.)

51. Dr. George Miles gave the report of the Committee on Resolutions and moved its adoption. It was seconded and so ordered. (This report is found in the section of reports.)

52. James Lambert, Area Missionary, spoke of the work being done through R. A. M. — Resort Area Ministry — in campgrounds and resort areas in Watauga and Avery Counties. He introduced The Signs, a folk team, who sang, told something of the work they are doing here and spoke of it as a diversified work since they did not know from day to day what opportunities would present themselves. They paid special tribute to the Cooperative Program and the part it played in their work and education.

Mr. Lambert brought the morning message based on 2 Corinthians 8:9 and 1 Corinthians 11:26. It is our privilege to lose ourselves in service to God and share our fellowship so we can be the salt of the earth. We will never be what God wants us to be until we are the salt of the earth. If we reign with Him we must suffer with Him.

53. John Cook pronounced the benediction and asked the blessing on the noon meal.

54. Lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

55. The hymn, "How Firm A Foundation," opened the afternoon session.

56. Delmar James, pastor of Proffit's Grove Church, read 1 Corinthians and led in prayer.

57. The filmstrip: "Safeguarding Our Heritage," was shown.

58. Miss Martha Lawrence and Randy Marsh sang, "Sweet Holy Spirit."

59. With Dr. Charles Isley leading, the congregation enjoyed singing some of the newer gospel songs of today: "His Name Is Wonderful;" "I've Got Peace Like A River;" "He Touched Me;" and "Alleluia."

60. James Marsh, Sr., introduced Dr. Forrest C. Feezor to bring the last message of the day. Dr. Feezor read Psalms 1 and Acts 14:27. He stated we are to be congratulated because somewhere we were met by the Holy Spirit and we responded; we are subjects of the grace of God; we are saved to be instruments of our Lord Jesus to bring those outside the community of God into the presence of God. The greatness of God is found in the proclamation of the gospel from the pulpits of the churches. If righteousness disappears from the churches then America will lose her greatness. He concluded with prayer.

61. Mr. Marsh passed the gavel, the symbol of responsibility in the Association, to Dr. Newton and asked everyone to support him and Mr. Pym so that the next year will be the best year yet.

62. Mrs. Blanche Perry read the names of OUR BELOVED DEAD and while the congregation stood in reverent silence Ray Minton, pastor of Willow Valley Church, led in a prayer of thanksgiving for their lives and pronounced the benediction.

63. The second day registration was 203.

64. Visitors recognized the second day were: Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Knight; Charles Bennett; Bill Poole; Miss Pitts Hughes; Rev. Boyce Brooks, Rev. Dennis Wilson; Rev. and Mrs. Earl Pym and David; Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Wyman.

James Marsh, Sr., moderator
Mrs. Blanche Perry, clerk

BAPTIST MEN
John D. Cook

The primary objective of the Three Forks Baptist Men as an association is to encourage the men of the Association through their own churches to discover their talents for mission service, and to direct men into personal involvement in mission service as Associational Brotherhood or Baptist Men Directors. May I encourage every man to get involved in mission activities through your own church. Some mission opportunities can best be accomplished by men working together. Various approaches can be used to increase concern for missions, equip you for the task and involve you in missions. Consider yourself either a missionary or a mission field, and do something about it by getting involved. My challenge to every man and every church is to work diligently at the task of promoting missions and missions involvement for and through the men of your church. Don't wait on someone else to start and do the job. May I encourage you as pastor or church member, as a man to do something about your responsibility to God to work as a man in missions in your church. I was involved in four churches helping them in Baptist Men work and I will be more than glad to help you in any way I can.

HOMES FOR THE AGING
Mrs. Blanche Perry

Your North Carolina Baptist Homes have completed 25 years of growth and development. These have been good years, filled with the abundant blessings and goodness of the Lord. He has brought us from one Home, in March 1951, to five Homes and an excellent Nursing Facility, from one resident to 230 residents and patients. Hundreds have been ministered to during these years, many lives have been blessed, and families have been helped immeasurably.

The past year has been one of special excitement and enthusiasm as we entered into the Fund-Raising Effort to raise $1,000,000 for the construction of the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville. In September 1975, Ralph Cannon was called by the Trustees to serve as Director of Development and Denominational Relations and has been leading the fund raising program for the new Home in a remarkable way. The response from our Baptist pastors and people in Western North Carolina has been most encouraging. We are grateful not only to those in Western North Carolina, but throughout the State, for the response we have experienced thus far as we move toward making this additional Home available for our older people in one of the most beautiful spots in the world.

When completed, the Home in Asheville, will accommodate 50 people, and will bring the total capacity of our Baptist Homes and the Nursing Care Unit to 280. We now operate five other Homes, and a Nursing Care Unit. These are located in Winston-Salem, Albemarle, Hamilton and Yanceyville.

In these Homes the best of care is given, the compassion and love of Christ shared and underscored. The love gifts of North Carolina Baptists make this Christian care and concern possible through two very vital sources — the Cooperative Program and the Special Offering for the Home received on the third Sunday of February each year. Through these sources more than 35% of the Homes' total income is provided, and the majority of the residents who cannot pay the full cost of care are supplemented. We are grateful for these and thank every North Carolina Baptist who makes them possible. Gifts this year are greater than ever before, and if we are to meet the overwhelming needs of older people in our midst, we must double and triple our efforts, both in numbers ministered to, and support of them.

Close at hand is another venture in the development of the Homes which is exciting — the building of apartments on the site of the Hayes Home property in Winston-Salem. The first of these units is to be completed by the fall of 1977. Those interested in this phase of the ministry of Baptist Homes may contact Bill Poole, the Executive Director, of the Homes for information.

Great things are in store for us as we look to the future, and we covet the earnest prayer and the continual support of every North Carolina Baptist as we move ahead in this challenging ministry to older people in our midst.

ASSOCIATIONAL PROPERTIES
Mrs. Margaret Hartley

During the past associational year the Associational Missionary's Home has been mostly vacant because of the absence of a Missionary for our Association. Properties in this respect remain primarily the same as last year with the same needs still there as far as improvements needed are concerned.

Our Associational Camp — Camp Joy — which is located in the Silverstone Community on some 15 acres of land consisting of three buildings, has had some very helpful improvements since last year. The kitchen has had around $5,200.00 renovation work completed and is in much better condition to be of service to all those who use the Camp. The ball field has been graded along with part of the entrance to the Camp (thanks to Paul Brown) and has had grass sowed (thanks to Hiram Brooks) which was very badly needed and has been a great improvement to the Camp.

There are many more improvements which need to be made at the Camp in the future to make it what it should be to be the most effective for those who come. However, with the fine cooperation of the Association and dedicated individuals throughout the Association, these will be made in the future as God sees fit for them to take place and His will is carried out. The same holds true for the future of the home for our Associational Missionary.

CAMP JOY
Rudy and Margaret Hartley

This past Associational CAMP JOY year has been very exciting and busy and we believe, fruitful. Several churches in our Association have used the camp or plan to use it before late fall. Some family reunions have been held and we have had some "outside our Association" churches to use the camp. (We are now charging $1.00 per person per night for all outside groups who use the camp and $25.00 per day for family reunions. This has brought some money into our Association for the camp and been a blessing, too.) As renovations continue to be made, interest continues to rise as to the future of the camp. We see the day when the camp can be used almost all the time.

Our Camp Committee has met several times during the past year and has planned two Pancake Jamborees to raise money for the renovations — one in September 1975 and one in June 1976. Because of the cooperation of so many individuals in the way of money and time donations, we made a total of around $900.00 on them. The Camp Committee also planned the renovations for the kitchen and has talked extensively of future needs for the camp. They discussed the possibility of having each church make a picnic for the camp. Plans were pursued and thus far we have received nine tables with promises of more. The tables which have been received are all very nice and we can now seat more than 75 persons comfortably for an outside gathering.

Renovations which have been made on the kitchen include some new wiring and plumbing, a new roof, guttering, new asbestos siding, windows, doors, deck porch and the entire building has been painted. The ball field and part of the entrance to the camp has been graded and sowed in grass and looks much nicer.

Because of the Association as a whole being willing to give money specifically to help pay off the land debt and because many churches have given lump sums or give each month from their church budgets, we now owe very little on the land we purchased almost two years ago. We are so grateful to all of you.

We have many plans for the future for Camp Joy. Some of them include: winterizing and installing some type of heat in the dining hall and kitchen and in the bunk house so we can benefit from the camp on an almost year-round basis. As far as recreation is concerned we would like to possibly make a tennis court or two and get some playground equipment. Other improvements will include a bath house, a prayer garden, and outdoor worship area on top of the mountain, completion of the picnic area, bar-b-que grills, general ground clean-up, entrance beautification, etc. In years to come we feel we will need more sleeping facilities and with the land we have purchased we have several building sites for this.

Most importantly for the future, however, we want to have a good camping program for young people. Also, we would like to offer similar opportunities to adults, as their need is also great. We want to offer a place where people can come and receive much to help them grow as a Christian but even greater, the possibility of seeing many come to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour. We feel this is the greatest need of all for Camp Joy. Let's all pray that God will use this Camp to do just that and work toward that end.

Thank you each and everyone for everything you have done in and way.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Mrs. Norman L. Reese

In a year commemorating freedom and liberty our WMU has used the latter part of 2 Corinthians 3:17, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty," as their Watchword. Like Paul, our liberty was bought with the life of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Knowing this we try to serve Him through our WMU. Since its beginning, WMU has existed for the purpose of supporting and promoting missions. WMU seeks to do this through teaching and involving persons in missions through mission action, praying, giving and creating an environment in which persons can hear and respond to God's call to mission service.

September 12-13, Miss Martha Franks, retired missionary to China and Taiwan, led us in a Prayer Retreat at Greenway Church.

Miss Jolene Ivey and Miss Pat Richie, State Directors, and our Associational Directors led the Leadership Conferences at Perkinsville Church September 29th. These conferences were well attended and we were challenged to the importance of our youth being involved in mission organizations today.

The Baptist World Day of Prayer was observed at the Oak Grove Church November 2nd with Mrs. Faye Turnmire Fincannon, former missionary to the Philippines, as guest speaker.

During this year we have placed special emphasis on our Baptist Young Women. Our Associational Baptist Young Women organized November 6, 1975 with Miss Sharon Parlier, preseident and Miss Nancy Greene, secretary. April 1st, 76 enjoyed a banquet at Rutherwood Church using "Let Christ's Freedom Ring," as the theme. They sponsored an associational mission action project to place new hymnals in the Department of Corrections in Boone. They also promoted buying new mattresses for Camp Joy.

Dr. R. Paul Caudill led us on a "Tour of Baptist Medical Missions Abroad" November 2nd at Brushy Fork Church. This preceeded the Foreign Mission study on Medical and Benevolent Ministries and the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Our churches reported exceeding their goals for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

In preparation for our Week of Prayer for Home Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering an Association-wide Mission Study was held at Oak Grove Church March 1st. Rev. Herbert McCoy, Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Vance, Mrs. Ann Cook, Miss Kathy Ward and Mrs. Sharon Gragg presented the studies of "Missions for the Third Century."

Six churches were represented at the State WMU Annual Meeting in Greensboro March 16-17. Our Associational WMU was awarded the Distinguished Achievement Award for the past year. This is the highest level of achievement for an Associational Woman's Missionary Union.

The 63rd Annual Meeting was held at Howard's Creek Church May 4th. Nineteen churches were represented with approximately 225 present. A skit, "Beginnings of WMU," prepared by Mrs. Blanche Perry, was presented. Mrs. Daisy Adams made the following recognitions: Mrs. Hattie Lewis, charter member of WMU and first Associational Secretary; Miss Ann Sherwood and Mrs. Grace Bingham, charter members of WMU (absent because of travels in Europe); Associational presidents that were present — Mrs. C. J. Farthing, Mrs. Don C. Perry, Mrs. John B. Robinson, Mrs. John E. Ward and Mrs. Norman L. Reese; Mrs. Nora Wilson, Director of Camp Joy, who retired in 1970 because of health conditions after 22 years.

Mr. Burl Jones, student at Fruitland Bible Institute, was the scholarship recipient.

Each lady was given a copy of the HISTORY OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION 1912-1976. As members of WMU have sung the hymn for the year, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," they have praised God for their Christian heritage and religious liberty enjoyed in the United States. They have been reminded constantly of the liberty and freedom which comes from knowing Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

PUBLIC MORALS
Dr. Larry Keeter

In the year of America's Bicentennial, it is fitting to reflect on the moral climate of Watauga County. The over-mountain men of our county participated in the 18th Century Revolution that brought our nation into being. Their values centered around the individual, freedom and self-government, love of the land and a strong personal sense of community. They fought and died to preserve these values. How stand these values in our county in 1976? Are we keeping faith with that true revolutionary spirit of our ancestors who settled this county?

These very values of our ancestors are threatened in 1976. The Census Bureau surveys in 1970 show-that for the first time in the 20th Century and perhaps the first time in the history of the republic — the rural's areas population is increasing faster than the urban areas. Why this urban-to-rural movement in the 1970's? The Southern mountains have become attractive for recreation and retirement and for manufacturing. Rural America is losing 1½ million acres of land a year to subdivisions, recreational land development, strip mining and soil erosion. In the past the increase in population has always had a detrimental effect on the sense of community and on the natural environment. Can we continue to develop our county economically while at the same time preserving the love of the land and a strong sense of community? Will our individualism and self-government aid us in preventing the misuse of our natural resources and the pollution of our quality of life? Our ancestors believed that if we don't respect our land, water, and air, then we don't respect ourselves either.

The values of our ancestors are rooted in the Bible. The Bible is clear in its concept of stewardship that we will be held accountable for our use or abuse of the creation. God declared that His Creation (land, water, air) is good and in our trust. We did not create them; they are committed to us "for a season and then the judgment." May God the Creator enable us to be good stewards of His creation in Watauga County that we may preserve the values of our ancestors in this place.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE
Dr. Robert L. Newton

The Missions Committee of Three Forks Baptist Association had as its main objective for the present associational year the recommendation of a new Superintendent of Missions. This task was undertaken with great faithfulness, thoroughness and earnest prayer undergirding the search. The committee met first on August 18, 1975 shortly after the last annual meeting. During that meeting matters of salary, housing and office space were discussed as to our offer to a prospect for this position. A motion was made that we recommend to the Executive and Finance Committees that we offer the new Superintendent a financial package of from $13,000 to $16,000 depending on his background and experience. This would include all remunerations — housing allowance, car, insurance, salary, etc.

Following this initial meeting, nine meetings of considerable length were held as the search continued. In early meetings the committee tried to get a feel for the type of leadership we needed in our association. The "Search Committee Composite" for a new General Secretary for our Baptist State Convention was studied. The committee members added a range of qualities that we felt would help to meet the challenge of this important position in our Association. Applications continued to come in by letter and telephone and a list compiled. Each of sixteen applicants for the positon were carefully screened by the committee. Further prayer and prayerful consideration brought the committee to focus successively on the consideration of three prospects. These interviews were greatly beneficial to the committee although they did not lead to a recommendation.

An existing Guideline For Superintendent of Missions was reviewed and altered during this time period. This job description is included as an addendum to this report.

Two interviews were held with Rev. Earl Pym, Associational Missionary for Anson Baptist Association, during the early spring of this year. During the April 10th meeting and after careful and prayerful visits with Brother Pym and inquiries into his background preparations and ministry, he was asked by unanimous vote of the committee to consider a possible call to the work of our Association. A positive response was received around ten days later. An unanimous vote of recommendation of Mr. Pym was made to the Executive Committee meeting at the Oak Grove Baptist Church on June 27th. The Executive Committee unanimously recommends his call to the annual meeting of the Three Forks Baptist Association on August 3-4.

During these months our Association has been faithfully and effectively blessed by the leadership of two of its faithful members who have served us as Interim Superintendent of Missions. Brother Jim Lambert, Area Missionary for our Baptist State Convention, guided our Association following the annual meeting through October. He was particularly effective in leading us in a most successful World Missions Conference. He was succeeded in November by Brother C. O. Vance, former Home Missionary and Associational Missionary (his contagious enthusiasm and "full-time effort" in a part-time position have blessed our work with growth and success.)

Several programs as planned by the committee have highlighted the work of our Association during this past year. A two-day Deacon's Retreat held in September attracted an overflow and responsive group of Pastors, Deacons and their wives. This rewarding venture was led by Dr. Forrest Feezor and Dr. and Mrs. J. Winston Pearce. Another Deacon's Retreat is being planned for this September.

A World Missions Conference, previously mentioned, was shared in by a number of our churches. They were led by Foreign, Home and Associational Missionaries who rotated among the churches each evening following a fellowship supper at one of several host churches. Our vision of missions was highlighted and our commitment to Christ's Kingdom deepened under the ministry of these dedicated servants of His.

A Family Life Conference was considered for May but it was felt this could be planned more effectively during Family Life Month next year. The Executive Committee has voted $1,000 to underwrite this important cooperative effort. Our Pastors and people also shared in a Bicentennial celebration planned by our Watauga Ministerial Association.

The various areas of work and service in our Association were carried out with effectiveness and success during these months. Reports appear in other sections of this annual.

INTERIM-MISSIONARY'S REPORT
C. O. Vance

I wish to express my deep appreciation for the joy and privilege of serving these few months as your interim-missionary. This has been a most delightful ministry for us. Marie and I have been most pleased and impressed by the friendliness, warm welcome and wonderful spirit of all the churches in which we have been privileged to minister. One of our greatest regrets is that we have had to decline many invitations and have been unable to worship with all the churches of the Association. The wonderful and appreciative spirit of the Missions Committee with which we have worked closely, the other associational leaders, the pastors and all the people has been great.

In accepting this work, the Missions Committee said, "Since you will be working on a part-time basis, we are not making many suggestions but feel you should work in the places where you see the greatest needs and seek to keep the churches informed of the denominational activities through an occasional newsletter." This I have sought to do and I will not make a detailed report of the work but just say I have been quite busy during this time.

The Missions Committee has recommended, and it has been approved by the Executive Committee, that the name of a man whom we believe God is directing to be our Superintendent of Missions will be presented for the approval of the Association in our Annual Meeting. He has served for several years as Director of Missions in one of our other Associations and has done a remarkable job. He is dedicated, qualified and will come to us in the same spirit and love with which God has blessed him elsewhere.

Now a word about our Association. Sometimes it seems there has been an erroneous impression that the churches exist to carry out the programs of the Association, the State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. This, however, is not true. Actually, it is the other way around. The Conventions and the Association have always been an extension of the churches. The power and the programs rest with the churches. I thank God for our Association and it is one of the greatest. Let us continue to increase our support and participation in it as we continue to work together for the glory of God.

Our associational year started moving very fast. Our Deacon and Pastor Retreat was a great inspiration to start the new year. The session was blessed with such leaders as Dr. and Mrs. Winston Pearce and Dr. Forrest Feezor, surely God sent this group this way. We had a total of 220 for the Friday evening session and about 210 for breakfast served by Boone Jaycees. The fellowship was great — God's love was surely present. This year our Deacon and Pastor Retreat will be on the 17th and 18th of September (Friday evening-Saturday morning). The director will be Dr. Robert Dale of the Sunday School Board, assisted by Mrs. LeRoy Parker, Vice President of the Baptist State Convention.

The World Missions Conference was most successful — twenty-one churches participated. The dates were October 18-24. Rev. Jim Lambert did so much to make this conference a success. We all owe him so much for his work and a splendid plan developed and carried out.

Charles Isley in directing and leading the Singspirations did a wonderful job in bringing us all closer together and for periods of fellowship which mean so much.

Margaret Hartley and her fine Camp Joy Committee cannot be thanked enough, you first have to go and see what they have done.

Space will not permit me to give a full report, but I must mention some persons who have worked so hard — Jerry Adams, Ruby Reese, Nora Wilson, Blanche Perry, the Trustees — and so many others who have done so much. Jim Lambert for all his assistance and his unselfish dedication to God's work.

One team must be mentioned. Rev. C. O. Vance and Mrs. Vance filled the year as interim-missionaries. I say team because they have always worked on God's team. Rev. Vance gave so much of himself. He worked more than full-time even after his retirement. Surely his star will be brighter. Thank you both for a job well done — and you are still doing it.

To all of you who have made a deeper commitment—to all who have said "use me"—to all who share God's love with someone—this is your Association at work and make the job of Moderator a challenge to ask God constantly for direction in being used to bring others to him.

May God Bless You.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
James Marsh, Sr.

Please allow me to thank each member of the Executive Committee for the spirit of dedication for following God's leadership and working together in a spirit of love and concern for all member churches of the Three Forks Association, and offering to non-participating churches prayer, guidance and support in all areas.

With the resignation of Brother Donald Wilson as Superintendent of Missions, the first task was for the Missions Committee to set guidelines for calling a new Superintendent of Missions. No committee could have worked harder than this fine group of men. After hours of prayer, days of long meetings, the Missions Committee completed a set of guidelines to follow in seeking the man to lead our Association as Superintendent of Missions. Truly we have been blessed by the dedication of this committee. More will be said about the work of this committee later in the report.

PASTORAL SUPPORT
Ralph Beshears

The individual Southern Baptist Church looks to the pastor for leadership in all phases of its work, and as the Under-Shepherds. Three Forks Association is fortunate in having men of outstanding leadership ability both spiritual and otherwise. We are grateful to these men for what they mean to us and for their dedication to the enlargement of the Kingdom of God in each of our lives.

Along with the blessings afforded our churches through the ministry of these men comes the responsibility of the churches to provide the support necessary in order that the pastor may be able to give his time to the work to which God has called him.

With the present state of the economy as it is today we need to examine our church budgets and make certain the salary paid the pastor is sufficient and in line with other professions. In addition, we must see that proper housing

or housing allowances is provided; we must participate in the Retirement Plan through the Annuity Board; we must make certain that proper health and hospital insurance is provided.

It is necessary that any pastor in our Association travel many miles each year to visit the sick and minister to the needs of the members of his church. This costs money and unless allowances are provided for this he will have to pay these expenses. Each church should make available such funds as are necessary to compensate the pastor for this expense. Many churches provide an automobile for the pastor's use. We expect our pastors to keep abreast of new developments in his field and in the Denominational work. These expenses should be provided in order that he may be able to attend our Conventions as our representative.

All pastors desire our spiritual support. In addition to making ourselves available to help him by participation in the church programs, much time should be spent in prayer in our pastor's behalf.

EVANGELISM
Fred W. Reece

All churches have already received the booklet: "Growth Evangelism: An Evangelism Planning Calendar for Pastors of Churches, 1976-77." It contains suggestions for various evangelism emphasis for the local church for the coming new year including C.A.R.E. Revivals for 1977. The pastors and lay leaders of each church are encouraged to outline definite evangelism plans with adults and youth during 1976-77.

There was an overflow in attendance of more than 2,600 pastors and lay persons at the 30th Statewide Evangelistic Conference at the Civic Center Auditorium, Asheville, February 2-4, 1976. The theme was: "Freedom in Christ." The response from many persons indicated that this conference was one of the best in several years.

Lay persons and pastors continue to respond to the emphasis on lay witness training through Lay Evangelism Schools. During the past 4½ years, 14,284 youth and adults have participated in these schools from 1,150 churches and 62 associations. During the last evenings of the 62 weeks of schools there have been 896 professions of faith made by youth and adults in their homes.

About 525 youth and adults attended the Youth Ministry Week June 14-18 at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly with the emphasis on youth evangelism, vocational guidance and recreation. Fifty-three different types of decisions for Christ were made by youth.

Twelve thousand youth, pastors and adult leaders are expected to attend the 6th State-wide Youth Evangelism Night, August 13, at the Greensboro Coliseum. Barry Wood of Lubbock, Texas is the guest preacher and Larry McFadden of Gainsville, Florida is the guest soloist. Follow-up work by pastors and adults is always with youth who make decisions from communities across our state.

Two summer youth evangelism teams are directing youth revivals and youth witness training in 18 churches across the state for a one week period in each church. Already there has been an excellent response and youth are making decisions for Christ.

The Division of Evangelism is continuing to cooperate with the Brotherhood Department in Lay Renewal and Ministry Evangelism Weekends.

A new area of work will be Youth Evangelism Strategy with an emphasis on four phases: Leadership Family; Touch Ministry; Discipleship Groups; and Joy Explosion. W.O.W. — Win Our World — is included in this strategy and involves specific witness training for youth.

Good reports have been received on evangelism clinics in associations, revival meetings and city-wide crusades during the past months.

The 31st State-wide Evangelism Conference will be February 7-9, 1977 at the War Memorial Auditorium in Greensboro.

Remember to pray daily for the work of evangelism in all the churches of our association, state, nation and world.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – 1976
Jim Churchwell

The Association Vacation Bible School Clinic was held on Tuesday, April 27th in the Three Forks Baptist Church.

One hundred twelve persons registered during the Clinic which began at 5:30 p.m. with a 'sack-dinner' and concluded at 9:00 p.m. Twenty-two churches were represented and eight pastors were present. The Associational VBS Team included: Jim Lambert, new work; Jim Churchwell, General Officers; C. O. Vance, Adults; Donald Critcher, Youth; Mrs. Johnny Roten, Older Children; Mrs. Merle Johnson, Younger Children; Mrs. Hazel King, Older Preschool; Miss Jenny Gay and Mrs. Linda Vaudiford, Younger Preschool and Mrs. Loyce Edmisten, Exceptional Children.

STATISTICAL REPORT

A comparison between the reports received from 28 churches and the reports received from the same churches in 1975:

	1975	1976	GAIN	LOSS
Baptisms	86	151	65	
Received from Non-Baptist Churches	15	14		
Lost to Non-Baptist Churches	25	9		
Total Membership	6,016	6,142	126	
Sunday School Enrollment	3,596	3,487		109
Church Training Enrollment	815	842	27	
W M U Enrollment	727	738	11	
Brotherhood Enrollment	169	237	68	
V B S Enrollment	1,780	1,797	17	
Mission Gifts	$98,497	$103,374	$4,877	

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Dr. Roy Carroll

A careful reading of North Carolina Baptist history reveals that a Baptist State Convention was organized primarily for the purpose of establishing a Baptist college. When the Convention was formed in 1830, there were two church academies already in existence, as well as the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. However, Baptists wanted their own school. Wake Forest Institute was begun in 1834. Five years later the Institute became Wake Forest College. Thus, Baptists in this state have been closely identified with Christian higher education for 142 years.

Today, the Christian higher education system of Baptists embraces six other colleges in addition to Wake Forest: Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill, Meredith and Wingate. Since 1944, these schools have been guided in their development by the Council on Christian Higher Education of the Baptist State Convention. The Council is the only organization of its kind in the Southern Baptist Convention and is one of the oldest educational cooperatives in America.

North Carolina Baptists continue to support their colleges through the Cooperative Program and the Baptist College Day offering on Father's Day.

The colleges continue to provide training for most of the pastors and other church staff persons who lead North Carolina Baptist Churches.

Pastors have helped the colleges in their efforts to recruit Baptist young people by furnishing the names of high school students for contact by the colleges.

The colleges pledge to North Carolina Baptist youth that financial aid is available to assist them in attending a Baptist college. No qualified student is turned away for financial reasons. Grants, loans and work scholarships are available.

Baptist colleges are anxious to receive invitations to serve the churches and associations. Each of the colleges is prepared to send speakers upon request.

In a secular world with its materialistic priorities, Baptist colleges are committed to the guidance of Christian values in the search for truth. Believing that God is the source of all knowledge and wisdom, Baptist colleges can urge students to search for truth in all areas of knowledge without fear.

Baptist colleges reaffirm their gratitude for the support given through the Cooperative Program. We further reaffirm our faith in and our support of the local church, and the broad programs of our denomination.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL
Miss Susan Lawrence

"Christian Stewardship" is a phrase frequently heard in staff meetings at Baptist Hospital. A continuing effort is made to help each employee, whatever his particular job, to realize that he is part of a team involved in a Christian ministry of healing. The difference this makes in the whole atmosphere of the hospital is evident to patients and visitors.

One of the most significant recent developments in the continual updating and upgrading of medical procedures is the creation of a department of Family Medicine. This department provides primary health care for a limited number of families, that is, the kind of all-round, ongoing health care normally provided by a family physician. At the same time the department offers training in family medicine for physicians who will enter this field of practice.

Many of the physicians training in family medicine are receiving part of their clinical experience in small towns and rural communities under the auspices of the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC), created by the State legislature. It is believed and hoped that some of them will choose to remain in these areas for their permanent practice.

The Pastoral Care Department continues to make its contributions toward the fulfillment of our stewardship. A chaplain is assigned to each area of the hospital and is responsible for providing a pastoral ministry to patients, staff and visitors in that area.

Mother's Day gifts for the fiscal year ending June 30 were $405,946.52 compared to a total of $390,000 for the preceeding fiscal year.

BIBLICAL RECORDER

The Old Testament prophet Hosea declared, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Because of a great information void concerning truth, Jeremiah also cried out, "Publish and conceal not."

Just as in Old Testament days, communication still remains one of the most sensitive problems in our churches. Too many church members are misled because they are uninformed, poorly informed, or misinformed. Churches must take initiative to provide accurate information if work in the local church, association, and convention continue to show progress.

Each year more churches understand the importance of providing the RECORDER for each family. Baptists have made encouraging progress in recent years through bold mission enterprises and this can be traced to better informed church members. Stewardship gains also go hand in hand with better communications. As an example, 79 of the 80 churches which led their associations in per capita mission gifts last year have a RECORDER club.

Each church needs to look at its budget carefully and then make provision to send the RECORDER to each family. Such action could be the difference between mediocrity and greatness in your church.

Louie D. Newton of Georgia who has done more than any other person to interpret the value of Baptist state papers, said: "The best investment any church can make in furthering the Kingdom of God is to put the Baptist state paper in the homes of the membership. These papers are the packhorses of every phase of denominational life."

If the RECORDER is not going to every family in your church, may this be the year that you take this step.

HOME MISSIONS
C. O. Vance

This Bicentennial year in America is a challenging time to be a follower of Jesus Christ! The distressing problems our nation faces have cast upon us a pall of gloom and dis-

trust. There are problems of energy crisis and character crisis, baffling economic inflation and moral permissiveness, strains on marriage, and tension between races and ethnic groups. The people of our nation hunger for values, for meaning in life, for purpose and for faith in God. Southern Baptists, we believe are committed to help meet these needs, to the making of disciples of all persons through faith in Jesus Christ.

1976 is seen by the Home Mission Board as a year of preparation for "Bold Mission Thrust." The Southern Baptist Convention has designated the years 1977-1979 "Let the Church Reach Out — Bold Missions." The purpose of Bold Mission Thrust (BMT) is "to give every person in America the opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus Christ and to become a part of a fellowship of believers by December 31, 1979."

A few of the many efforts and activities of our HMB in crossing barriers with the gospel to make disciples for Christ include the following:

An effective force of 2,200 well-trained missionaries are enlisted. The work of these is strengthened by 1,208 student summer missionaries, 28 semester missionaries, 34 Sojourners, also by 10,000 youths and adults through church-sponsored mission projects and 141 adults who served in Christian Service Corps.

Missionary personnel, through the Church Extension Department, helped to start more than 200 Bible study fellowships and many of these will develop into new churches. Last year the Division of Church Loans of the HMB consulted with approximately 1,500 churches regarding their needs and made direct loans for a total of $10,000,000 to 250 congregations. The Department of Language Missions works with 30 Language and Culture groups and supports almost 1,000 missionaries. During the past year the Christian Social Ministries distributed $44,000 for disaster relief needs in five states.

In October 1975 a search committee was named by the Board of Directors to begin seeking a new Executive Director to replace Dr. Arthur B. Rutledge who will be retiring at the end of this year after serving 18 years with the Home Mission Board.

The 1975 Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions lacked less than one tenth of one per cent of reaching the goal of $8.5 million. The 1976 goal is $9.5 million.

Dr. Fred B. Mosely of the HMB says, "The Home Mission Board is truly grateful to God for what the Cooperative Program has meant in reaching our land for Christ. In these times of need and opportunity, advances in home missions await Southern Baptists' genuine commitment to personal and cooperative stewardship of both life and resources. If all Southern Baptists were to faithfully tithe through their churches, at least five times the present funds could be channeled into challenging mission programs at home and to the end of the earth."

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES
James Lambert

"Christian child care provided by the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina is a cooperative mission." From the earliest days some ninety years ago, those who have given it leadership have been dedicated Christians who sought to minister to children and their families in the spirit of Christ. This investment in the lives of hundreds of children has been bearing its fruit for many years now, and continues to do so.

This "cooperative mission" has been shared in by thousands of people who have given their interest, prayers, and financial support. God has blessed this ministry and has used the combined efforts of these to bring healing and hope to many families whose problems and difficulties often placed their children in desperate need. Without this support given so faithfully through the years by Baptists across the state, and by other Christian friends, this cooperative venture in Christian child care would not have been begun, nor would it continue today to grow in its influence and capacity to minister.

From its small beginning at Thomasville in the days of John Mills, the Baptist Children's Homes has grown from a small orphanage to an agency that is looked to as a leader in child care across the nation. New and innovative ideas are put into practice as the Children's Homes seek to be the best possible instrument possible in this "cooperative mission." From the days when group living on one of the campuses scattered across the state was the only option, there has come the day of multiple services rendered by the Baptist Children's Homes. Foster homes, social work services for individuals and families, preschool child care, and services for unwed mothers are some of these. Emergency Shelters in Burlington, Charlotte and Forest City are helping children needing immediate assistance. Various programs are being introduced continuously in an effort to provide the best possible care for children.

You have been and are a part of all this "cooperative mission." Your interest, prayers and financial support make it possible. This is a rewarding and exciting ministry as one sees the unlimited possibilities of God working in the lives of children, giving them faith, hope and love at a time in life when they find very little of these in their lives.

STATE MISSIONS
James Lambert

North Carolina is a mission field in every sense of the word. Within the boundaries of this state are people who are shut off from the gospel by all kinds of barriers and there is a tremendous need for a faithful and cooperative witness to these people.

State Missions provides a ministry to the people in this mission field through the cooperative efforts of local churches throughout the state as they share their tithes and offerings through the Cooperative Program, a percentage of which makes possible Urban Ministries, Interracial Cooperation, Resort Ministries, Language Missions, the Chaplaincy Program, Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, Seminary Extension Centers, the Minstry to the Deaf, as well as others, totaling more than fifty different ministries. Each September, the churches are asked for a special offering for State Missions, this year's goal is $300.000. to be used in underwriting the various ministries that strengthen the churches and lengthen their ministries throughout the state.

Some of the State Missions ministries are co-sponsored by the Home Mission Board and each of them seeks to help to do what the local congregation by itself cannot do. By joining hands together, we have the possibility of providing ministries to people in the name of Jesus Christ that would be impossible by ourselves. The efforts through these ministries of State Missions is a vital link in our responsibility

for World Missions.

State Missions seeks to build up the local church and association by providing training and help for the Sunday School, Church Training, WMU and Brotherhood, through conferences, workshops, and by providing resource persons, in order that the local church can better do its mission in its community. By helping in this way, State Missions is able to strengthen the work of the church in education, missions and evangelism.

These efforts at missions in our state need your money; but, more than that, they need you and your prayers. Our responsibility is not alone in helping provide trained leadership, but in living out a definite commitment to be responsible for witness to North Carolinians.

MUSIC MINISTRY
Dr. Charles Isley

Two Association-Wide Singspirations were held this year. The first was at Greenway Baptist Church February 29, the Fifth Fabulous Sunday. Seven choirs participated before a more-than-full house. The choirs included Greenway youth and adult choirs, Three Forks children, youth and adult choirs, Bethel choir, and the Brushy Fork adult choir.

The second Singspiration was held at Three Forks Baptist Church on May 30th, with six choirs performing before an overflow congregation. Choirs represented were Three Forks Adult Choir; Bethel; two bell choirs from the Boone First Church; Perkinsville; Greenway and Brushy Fork.

A county-wide choir was formed to sing at a special afternoon service at the Boone First Church on July 4th. The choir was composed largely of members from Three Forks Association Churches, and the musical selections performed were favorite songs from the Christian Harmony, used widely in the Association during the latter part of the 19th century.

The Singspiration participation continues to grow, and two more fifth Sunday programs are being planned for the coming year.

CHURCH TRAINING
Mrs. Nora M. Wilson

During the bicentennial year we have made efforts to magnify the theme: "We Hold These Truths."

The Church Training Council met 5 times during the year to evaluate and to plan for associational activities. Some of the Church Training leaders met with youth from the churches in 3 additional meetings to plan for Youth Night.

In August 1975 a sheet was prepared giving information on associational activities through November 1975 — "M" Night, Deacon's Retreat, WMU Prayer Retreat, Church Training Conferences, WMU Leadership Conference, World Missions Week, Baptist World Day of Prayer, and a Bible Study on Ephesians. These sheets were distributed to all the churches by the associational Church Training leaders.

Five associational activities were held to involve people from the churches, thereby strengthening their work.

"M" Night was held August 31, 1975 at Boone First Baptist Church with 317 in attendance. Sixteen churches were represented, 14 pastors and 9 Church Training directors were present. Some highlights of the meeting were: congregational singing, skit by Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Vance, special music by Greenway Youth Choir, and message, "Anchors of My Faith," by Rev. J. C. Jones, Jr.

On September 22-23, 1975 Church Training conferences were held at Oak Grove Church. These were led by people from our State Church Training Department, giving much helpful information and inspiration to those present from 9 churches — 27 on Monday and 24 on Tuesday. The rainy weather had effect on attendance, but not on the enthusiasm of those leading and attending the conferences for leadership of Adults, Youth, Preschool and General Officers.

As a follow-up to the conferences, an associational meeting was held on November 9, 1975 at Three Forks Church for the purpose of passing on information gained in the September conferences. Seven churches were represented.

Associational Youth Night was held at Boone First Baptist Church on April 17, 1976 with estimated attendance of 200, about half of these were youth. It was a very impressive service on the theme: "Let Christ's Freedom Ring," with the processional of the flags and youth dressed in bicentennial costumes, the singing in keeping with the theme, and the message brought by Jerry Wayne Bernard. Several responded to the invitation for whatever was the individual need. After the service Boone Church served refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

Children's Bible Drill was held on May 2, 1976 at Perkinsville Church with two participants — one from Oak Grove in the older children's drill and one from Cove Creek in the younger children's drill. This was the second year Jackie Tester took part without mistake in the drill for younger children. We trust that all of our churches will have children taking part in the Bible Drills during the year 1976-77.

Let us join hearts and hands in Exploring Discipleship at Church: the Sunday Night Place 1976-77.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM
Cannon G. Ward

When Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my church," signifies to me that there is only one church and this church functions as the body of Christ. The church as we have it in our local communities is scattered throughout the hills, valleys and flatlands for the purpose of uniting communities in love to carry out the Great Commission of our Lord. The thing that impresses me is the fact that the churches under proper leadership can come together, not because they have to, but because of the constraining love of Jesus in the hearts of men, again as the church in a cooperative effort to spread the gospel both in Jerusalem and Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the earth. Where there is no vision the people perish.

We can see in our Cooperative Program the greatest method ever devised to carry out the spirit of the Great Commission because it is all in the framework of Christian Love taught by our Redeemer.

The Christian commitment that Jesus set forth involves a way of life or Christian life style. When one turns his life over to the Lordship of Christ he discovers that the demands of discipleship involves all that he is, all that he has or ever will have, belongs to the Lord and is to be used to accomplish the mission of our Lord.

In the year 1975 the church, in contributing our part to the Southern Baptist Convention and Foreign Mission

Board to support 2,667 missionaries in 82 countries and 2,400 Home Mission employees plus 19,000 special workers and 900 chaplains.

It is my prayer that all of our pastors could devote themselves to the spirit of total commitment and in love could see the need of leading their people in cooperating together as the body of Christ that His mission could be accomplished and His name glorified. OH FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO TELL!

RESOLUTIONS
Dr. George Miles

Be it resolved that we, the messengers who compose the 136th Annual Session of the Three Forks Association:

1. Express our appreciation to the host churches, Perkinsville and Brushy Fork, to their pastors and members who so graciously provided for our comfort in so many ways, especially with the delicious noon meals.

2. Express our appreciation to our moderator, Mr. James P. Marsh, Sr., who has so ably directed this 136th Annual Meeting and who has furnished such outstanding leadership through the past year.

3. Express our appreciation to each individual who presented or helped to plan the programs of the Association meetings.

4. Express our appreciation to the Reverend James Lambert and the Reverend C. O. Vance for their untiring efforts in behalf of the Association during this year when we have been without a Superintendent of Missions.

5. Express our continuing concern and pledge our active opposition to the drug and alcohol traffic in our midst.

6. And that we, the members of the Three Forks Baptist Association, in this bicenntennial year of our nation reaffirm our commitment to the teachings of Jesus Christ which have made this country great, and that we pledge ourselves to prayer and to His service through the combined efforts of individuals, churches, and the Association.

BAPTIST FOUNDATION
Dr. Robert L. Newton

Southern Baptist Foundation is one of the investment agencies of Southern Baptists. It was established by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1947 "to encourage and motivate the making of gifts, donations, and benefactions by deed, will, gift, annuity contracts, or otherwise, for the advancement, promotion, extension, and maintenance of the various causes and objects now or at any time hereafter fostered by the Southern Baptists Convention."

Its goals are: IT IS A SERVICE agency chartered in 1947 to serve any person who wishes to contribute to any Baptist institution or agency by gift, bequest, gift annuity, or otherwise.

IT WILL MANAGE the funds entrusted to it according to sound business practice and under the direction of successful businessmen.

IT IS A FLEXIBLE agency. A gift may be directed through it to any institution or agency with such controlling conditions as may be desired. Any instructions attached to a gift will be followed to the letter.

IT RENDERS A BROAD service. One gift may be made to endow many institutions or agencies. These may be specified by the donor.

ITS MAIN PURPOSE is to SERVE ALL Southern Baptist Convention agencies in all financial and investment matters perpetually.

Fiscal 1975, ending September 30, was an outstanding year for Southern Baptist Foundation in spite of another traumatic year in the national economy.

Additional growth of new funds received amounted to $2,377,514. Market values appreciated over the previous year-end $863,478. After withdrawals of $1,101,028, Southern Baptist Foundation still had a net growth for fiscal 1975 of $2,139,956. For the first time in the history of the Foundation, earnings surpassed a million dollars in any given 12 months. Total corpus for all funds administered by Southern Baptist Foundation amounted to book value of $17,055,982. Market value at September 30 was $14,925,383.

Southern Baptist Foundation is proud of its record over these years of its existence. Measured in percentage earnings dollarwise, it leads all agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention. Southern Baptist Foundation does not cost the Convention! It pays great dividends on every dollar allocated to it — more than ten times in earnings, plus many times that cost in added gifts accumulated in corpus, and incalculable benefits that will eventually come to various agencies of the Convention through wills and trusts. In addition, multiple thousands of dollars have been received by this agency for immediate remittal to other agencies.

Notwithstanding these fantastic material blessings brought about through Southern Baptist Foundation, more lasting benefits will come to the donors and beneficiaries through eternal service to the promotion of the gospel of Christianity.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
Boyd Atwood

The following are recommended by the Nominating Committee:

Clerk . . . . . Mrs. Blanche Perry
Treasurer . . . . . Jerry Adams
Sunday School Director . . . . . James W. Churchwell
Church Training Director . . . . . Mrs. Nora Wilson
WMU Director . . . . . .Mrs. Norman Reese
Brotherhood Director. . . . . John D. Cook
Music Director . . . . . .Dr. Charles Isley
Director of Library Services. . . . . .Mrs. Custer Wallace
Director of Evangelism . . . . . .Rev. Fred Reece
Director of Camp Joy. . . . . Mrs. Margaret Hartley
Asst. Director of Camp Joy . . . . . Mrs. Alma Earp
Historian . . . . . .Clyde R. Greene
Pianist . . . . . .Miss Cathy Cottrell

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Ernest Dancy

Jesus said, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I

am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:19-20.

God has blessed through the Sunday School in our Baptist churches in that souls have been won to Christ and are receiving the teaching of God's eternal truths.

During the past year emphasis has been placed on the Sunday School Action Plan. Some of our churches are involved in this plan. God is blessing through the plan of reaching the lost with the gospel. We trust others will seek an understanding of this plan and seek God's will in it.

High Attendance Day in our Sunday Schools across the Association last November was 4,050. We thank God. May we have a greater visision and desire to see the lost saved.

The January Bible Study was in the book of Hosea. Many churches were involved in this study.

Reports from different churches concerning Vacation Bible Schools are coming in. God has done great things and is doing great things.

May each of us join together in the unity of the Spirit and work together for the Glory of God.

THE CHURCH LIBRARY
Mrs. Lucille Wallace

The church library as a resource center can provide the materials to be used in all church-related programs. Through the use of books, reference materials, periodicals, audio-visual aids and non-book materials each organization within the church can supplement the teaching materials available, and enrich religious knowledge to further the Christian ministry.

The Association reported 17 churches with libraries in the last Annual. Let us pray that other churches may find a place of service to others through a media center.

ANNUITY BOARD
Roy Keller

According to a report from our Baptist Headquarters Building at Raleigh, of the 45 churches comprising the Three Forks Association only 17 of them are participating with the pastor (and staff members) in the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board's Retirement Program.

How many of these churches are paying on the MINIMUM OF $4,000.00 PER YEAR? How many churches are paying the pastor's part? Because of inflation every church should be paying the pastor's part and should be paying 10% on the total of the pastor's salary.

The Retirement coverage is very essential to the physical and mental well-being of pastors and church staff workers in later years. However, with no assurance of pastor or staff member reaching retirement age, our Annuity Board has worked out an arrangement with a private insurance company whereby a church can provide for pastor or staff members Life and Disability Insurance which becomes effective in case of physical disability or premature death. (June 5, 1976 Biblical Recorder has story illustrating such an experience.)

Every messenger to the Three Forks Association's Annual Meeting should ask his or her church's treasurer if the church is participating in the Retirement Program on full salary with the church paying the 10%. A second question should also be asked: "Is our pastor and staff member covered with Life and Disability Insurance?"

This Life and Disability Insurance is vital especially if death should leave children to be educated. Sam H. O'Neal, P. O. Box 26508, Raleigh, NC 27611, can give a church the details and benefits of this plan.

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT
J. Charles Allard

During 1975, Missionaries, nationals, Foreign Mission Board and staff members, and leaders across the Southern Baptist Convention reviewed the past, ministered in the present, and planned for the future of foreign missions. The Foreign Mission Board is now the largest evangelical missionary—sending agency in the world.

Missionary appointments totaled 265, the largest number ever appointed in a single year. Included in this number were 134 career missionaries, 29 missionary associates, 80 missionary journeymen, 20 reappointments and 2 special project medical workers.

Missionaries were evacuated from Vietnam, Laos, Angola and Mozambique because of war, invasion and uncertain political climates. Missionaries working in those 4 countries were transferred to other work.

Evangelism was a major emphasis during the year in countries like Portugal, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Brazil, Kenya and Guatemala. As a result of these and other special evangelistic emphases plus the ongoing Christian witness of missionaries and national Christians, baptisms on the mission fields increased in 1975, by more than 10,000; from 70,712 in 1974, to 80,747 in 1975. Church membership grew by 66,191.

National disasters in Honduras (hurricane), Bangladesh (floods and tidal waves), Brazil and parts of Africa (floods), brought response from Southern Baptists in the form of relief funds and special prayer services.

Total receipts for Foreign Missions increased 7.57% to $52,006,639.00. Included in this total were:

Cooperative Program	$20,667,748.00
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	$23,480,144.00
World Relief	$ 1,673,841.00
Designated Gifts	$ 2,705,674.00
Miscellaneous Income	$ 3,479,232.00

A BOLD NEW THRUST in Foreign Missions is being projected as we look toward 2000 A.D. Objectives are: (1) A 100% increase in missionary staff. (2) Expanded efforts in evangelism. (3) Increase in lay involvement. (4) Tenfold multiplication of churches. (5) Greater effort in leadership training. (6) Vastly increased use of mass media. (7) Accentuated attention to human need through health care, disease prevention, benevolent and social ministries. (8) Vigorous, appropriate and prompt response to desperate human need in crisis situations.

In order to achieve these bold new thrusts in missions, we must look to God and the people in the churches. With God's blessings and help, and by the committed wills, lives, and actions of all Southern Baptists, these bold new thrusts in Foreign Missions can become realities in our lifetime.

IN MEMORIAM

BETHEL
Mr. Dayton Greene
Mrs. Rose Greene
Mr. J. M. Sherwood
Mr. Conley Norris

BLOWING ROCK, FIRST
Mr. Robert Greene
Mrs. Elizabeth Griffith

BOONE, FIRST
Mrs. Lillie Lyons
Mr. G. D. Barnett

BRUSHY FORK
Mrs. Cindy Wilson
Mrs. Reatha Wilson
Mr. June Baird

CLARK'S CREEK
Mr. Sylvester Byrd

COVE CREEK
Miss Carrie Isaacs
Mrs. Vergie Adams
Mr. John Henry Brinkley

GAP CREEK
Mr. Alonzo Miller
Mr. Grady Triplett

GREENWAY
Mr. Glenn E. Ragan
Mr. Dempsey L. Wilcox, Jr.
Mr. D. Lee South

HOWARD'S CREEK
Mr. Bart Norris
Mr. D. W. Cook

LAUREL SPRINGS
Mr. Clay Miller
Mr. Raymond Watson
Mr. Rufus Greene
Mrs. Channie Wilcox
Mrs. Rosa Greer

MEAT CAMP
Mr. Walter H. Greene
Mr. Benjamin B. Greene

MIDDLE FORK
Mr. Edward Greene

MOUNT CALVARY
Mrs. Sally Gilliam
Mrs. Grace Shook Gwaltney
Mr. Jim Shomaker, Deacon

MOUNT LEBANON
Mr. Odell O. Teague
Mr. B. Frank Baird

OAK GROVE
Mrs. Vance Calloway
Mrs. Ollie Greer
Mrs. W. M. Hodges, Sr.
Mr. Butler Perry

PERKINSVILLE
Mrs. M. W. Greene, Sr.
Mrs. Judd Barnes

PLEASANT GROVE
Mr. Johnny Perry
Mrs. Myrtle Stewart
Mr. Will Isaacs
Mr. Ed Pennell
Mrs. Marie Perry

PROFFIT'S GROVE
Mr. Joe Miller, Deacon
Mrs. Ola Johnson

SOUTH FORK
Mr. Ralph Howell

STONY FORK
Mr. Edward Hamby
Mrs. Ruby Shirley Simmons

TABERNACLE
Rev. Lewis Hodges

THREE FORKS
Mr. Bobby Hester
Mrs. Vilas Cook

WILLOWDALE
Mrs. Tom Potter

WILLOW VALLEY
Mr. J. Oscar Ward, Licensed Minister

ZIONVILLE
Mr. Edward F. Wilson

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." Revelation 14:13.

May we stand in reverent silence to their memory. Then in a prayer of thanksgiving for their lives, we will dedicate ourselves anew to the task to which they had committed themselves, the spreading of the gospel to the ends of the earth.

THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 1975 - JUNE 30, 1976

RECEIPTS:	GEN. FUND	CAMP JOY	ANNUAL FUND
Antioch			3.00
Beech Valley	100.00		30.00
Bethel	100.00	149.00	15.00
Blowing Rock, First	420.00		7.00
Boone, First	3,520.79	600.00	37.50
Brushy Fork	1,500.00	662.31	37.50
Clark's Creek	55.00		
Cool Springs			18.00
Cove Creek	520.00	436.00	40.00
Gap Creek	120.00		30.00
Greenway	2,255.48	3.00	37.50
Howard's Creek	344.50	39.20	18.00
Laurel Springs	1,050.00	330.00	45.00
Mabel	180.00	250.00	22.50
Meat Camp	300.00	37.50	
Middle Fork	240.00		22.50
Mt. Calvary	247.50	50.00	37.50
Oak Grove	1,300.00	300.00	45.00
Perkinsville	2,280.00		37.50
Plesant Grove		73.00	37.50
Poplar Grove	290.00		
Proffit's Grove	60.00	120.77	45.00
Rich Mountain	276.28		9.00
Rutherwood	572.00		37.50
South Fork	190.00	54.25	22.50
Stony Fork	110.00		22.50
Three Forks	540.00		45.00
White Rock	50.00		15.00
Willow Valley	120.00	74.00	37.50
Willowdale	450.00	50.00	15.00
Zion Hill			10.50
Zionville	300.00		30.00
State Convention	375.00		
Donald Wilson - phone calls	20.00		
Tabernacle			22.50
Donald Critcher	10.00		
Camp Joy - reunion rent	60.00		
C. O. Vance	25.00		
Refund (Baptist Book Store)	10.02		
From General Fund Saving	5,000.00		
Arron Baptist - Camp Joy use	101.00		
Camp Joy Pancake Supper	498.30		
Grace Bingham for Camp Joy	10.00		
Replace light bulb	.50		
Boone, First - Camp Joy use	25.00		
Special offering	64.76		
Greenway Deacon Conference	25.00		
State sales tax refund	172.23		
Blue Ridge Electric fuel refund	36.67		
Mission Conference receipts (see attached schedule)	3,214.33		
Mattie Low Bible Class - Mt. Calvary		30.00	
E. D. Lewis		50.00	
Camp JOy Savings	7,750.00		
Greenway Tuesday Night Circle		30.00	
Sale of Chair		2.00	

Special Offering		121.00	
Sale of logs		75.00	
Pancake supper		587.87	
Baptist Student Union, ASU		60.00	
Special offering Association singing		194.14	
	$34,889.36	$4,258.04	$833.00
Total Receipts:			$39,980.40
Cash in Bank 7/1/75			968.59
			$40,948.99
Deposited in Camp Joy Savings Account			1,370.14
			$39,578.85

ANNUAL REPORT

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary (Including travel)	$5,617.36		
Annuity	416.74		
Hospital	58.48		
Life & Disability Ins.	82.20		
		6,174.78	
Utilities:			
Phone	249.06		
Electricity	459.24		
Water & Sewer	55.50		
Fuel Oil	393.80		
		1,157.60	
Convention expenses	250.00		
Office expenses	356.25		
Insurance	372.00		
Clerk	300.00		
Organizations	293.27		
Camp Joy Maintanence	422.76		
		1,994.88	
Other unbudgeted items:			
Associational Annual	1,012.94		
E. O. Bustle - Car damage	100.00		
Camp Joy funds transfered to savings	1,616.34		
Camp Joy repair and remodeling	6,899.02		
Camp Joy property purchase	14,130.00		
Deacon conference	394.00		
Vacation time due missionary	259.60		
Gift for missionary	70.00		
Expense of prospective missionary	373.39		
Word, Inc.	83.22		
Mission Conference expense	4,052.71		
Cash to Camp Joy Savings	55.00		
		$29,046.22	
			$38,372.88
Cash in Bank 6/30/76			1,327.13
			$39,700.01
Adjusted disbursement			.16
			$39,699.85
Cash from Receipts to Camp Joy Savings			121.00
			$39,578.85

Jerry Adams Treasurer

MISSION CONFERENCE RECEIPTS

	MISSION EXPENSE	LOVE OFFERING
Beech Valley	78.71	
Bethel	100.00	75.00
Blowing Rock	100.00	
Boone, First	89.05	100.00
Brushy Fork		50.00
Cove Creek	100.00	93.00
Greenway	175.80	140.00
Howard's Creek	161.27	
Laurel Springs	77.36	
Meat Camp	100.00	
Oak Grove	186.27	76.35
Perkinsville	90.69	
Plesant Grove	88.72	10.00
Poplar Grove	166.82	
Rutherwood	186.00	
South Fork	90.00	
Stony Fork	87.65	
Three Forks	97.74	75.00
Willowdale	200.00	
Willow Valley	193.90	50.00
Trinity	75.00	
State Convention	100.00	
	$2,544.98	$669.35

$3,214.33

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION CONFERENCE DISBURSEMENTS:

	EXPENSES	LOVE OFFERING
J. C. Wells	146.31	54.00
George Cowsert	54.45	54.00
Clarence Griffin	28.00	54.00
M. E. Cannup	30.00	
Joe Watterson	43.00	54.00
Mary Anne Chandler	37.00	54.00
Duprie Gowan	74.50	54.00
Fanny Starns	109,17	54.00
Wendell & Jane Parker	50.98	108.00
Mrs. Marvin Haire	73.37	54.00
Callie Brown	149.00	54.00
Jack Mahaffey	19.00	54.00
Marjorie & Herbert Caudill	89.30	108.00
Neal Peyton	43.60	54.00
Mrs. Edwin Dozier	22.00	15.00
Leonard Rollins	23.40	15.00
Oliver Lawton	10.00	15.00
E. O. Bustle	6.00	54.00
Bill Ballou	4.40	54.00
Alex Booth	20.00	
David Roberts	76.12	
Continuing Education Center	1,288.20	
Bud Spencer	31.98	15.00
Ernest Dancy	7.85	
Harold King	35.70	

Givvs Motel	25.53		
Rivers Printing	218.40		
Avery Journal	36.40		
Winn-Dixie	24.96		
Joseph Watterson	11.44		
Manuel Crump		54.00	
The Mitchiners		54.00	
Parker McLendon		54.00	
Calvin Knoght		15.00	
James Camp		15.00	
Howard Ford		15.00	
David Roberts		54.00	
James Lambert	23.65		
	$2,813.71	$1,239.00	
			$4,052.71

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

ANNUAL REPORT

General Fund Saving:			
In Savings on July 1, 1975	$6,749.13		
Interest during year	144.41		
Total	$6,893.54		
Withdrew to Pay on Camp Joy Property	5,000.00		
Balance in saving June 30, 1976	$1,893.54		
Camp Joy Savings:			
In Savings July 1, 1976	$4,427.62		
Deposited to fund during year	3,297.79		
		$7,725.41	
Interest for year		137.86	
		$7,863.27	
Withdrew during year for repair and remodeling of Camp Joy		$7,750.00	
Total in fund June 30, 1976		113.27	

THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1976-1977

Item:	
Salary	$14,500.00
Annuity	1,000.00
Secretary	2,000.00
Office supplies	800.00
Office equipment	2,000.00
Convention expense	600.00
Camp Joy	500.00
Insurance	500.00
Organizations	300.00
Clerk	400.00
Utilities for office	1,800.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Camp Joy	1,200.00
	$25,700.00

HISTORY OF THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

About the year 1776, the South Carolina Association, in session, discussed the destitution along the Yadkin River, and passed a resolution requesting the Philadelphia Association, meeting in Philadelphia, to select and send some preacher to minister to the 14 settlements along the Yadkin River. These were scattered from the North Carolina-South Carolina line to what is now North Wilkesboro in Wilkes County. In compliance with this request, the Philadelphia Association sent one Reverend John Gano. He immediately set out for North Carolina on horseback. This trip consumed six weeks, as this was the only mode of travel at that time, and roads were in many sections of the country almost impassable. He traveled and preached in the churches of these settlements, or at least to those who were needing him. These 14 churches had been organized into the Old Yadkin Association in 1790. Members of the New River Church of the Three Forks Settlement were messengers to this meeting. It is interesting to note that at the first session of the Association, they petitioned the Virginia Association for the right to organize a separate Association in North Carolina. This new Association (Yadkin) covered the entire territory from Salisbury, west as far as what is now Mountain City, Tennessee.

Sometime within the next 50 years, there was another Association carved out of the Old Yadkin Association, known as the Mountain District Association, and from this Association was later, in 1840, the Three Forks Association organized. Thence we see that our organization came by the circuitous route through missionary effort from South Carolina Association to Philadelphia Association; from Philadelphia through the Virginia Association; then Yadkin, then the Mountain District Association, on to what is now the Three Forks Association.

The territory that formed the Mountain Association embraced territory in North Carolina, East Tennessee and a small portion of Virginia. Three Forks, Ebenezer (now Zionville), Three Forks of the North Fork, South Fork, Old Field, Roan's Creek, Pine Grove and Cove Creek Churches withdrew by letter from the Old Mountain Association and on October 5, 1841, met at Three Forks Church and organized the new Association and named it for the church in which it was organized, Three Forks.

The first meeting of the Association was on Friday before the first Sunday in September. The first day was devoted to the annual sermon and the election of officers. The second day was devoted to business made up by a committee on arrangements. The third day was devoted entirely to preaching. This form of conducting the Association went on for many years until the Association began to widen its scope and it had to have other committees to function. The business session was devoted principally to discussion of matters coming up from the churches — answering questions the churches might ask on how to proceed with certain things. It is noticeable in all the proceedings that the Association never trespassed on the independence of the church. It issued no mandates, but merely gave advice.

The Three Forks Association has always been strong on preaching the Word. Sessions of the Association opened with a sermon until 1935 when the hour was changed to 11:30. It was the custom from the beginning for some ministers to preach at various hours to the crowds on the outside. In the early days all Sunday was devoted to preaching. At Ebenezer Church in 1847, there were five sermons on Sunday, and a number of them were not of the modern variety in length. A change of date caused this custom to be abandoned. In 1923, because of distraction to the session, outdoor preaching was abolished.

One notable thing that the records show is that the leaders of the Association have always been believers in missions. The Association has been careful to admit no church that failed to have missions in its Constitution.

Another custom among the early days of the Association was during the session someone was appointed to write a circular letter to the churches in the Association. Rufus Moore of the Globe Community wrote the first one that is recorded in the minutes. This may be an echo from the New Testament custom of writing letters to the churches. It was the means by which they kept the spirit of brotherhood and unity.

The Association as early as 1856 took the subject of education seriously. It urged the members to educate their children and to look forward to the time when they could establish a Baptist school in the Association. In 1874 a movement was started to build the Three Fork High School. Eventually a building was started in Boone but was not completed for a long time. Finally the Association agreed to give the building and grounds to the town if it would establish its own school. The property was finally disposed of in 1899 to the Watauga Academy.

The Association joined the Baptist State Convention in 1887, in a session at Beaver Dam Church, and has been affiliated with that body ever since.

At Antioch Church in 1893, the Association had under consideration the mission question. They split this time on the method of doing the work. Very able men debated the question on the method of doing mission work, but at the present time the majority of the churches carry on their mission work through the Convention.

During the first years of the Association it seems the mission work was carried on by the pastors and local preachers without organized efforts. The minutes of 1874 show that Elder D. B. Brown, as missionary, preached 70 sermons and baptized 16 people and received a salary of $56.00. The next record of missionary work was the appointment of Rev. Solomon Younce as Associational Missionary in 1895 with directions to preach in destitute places and be helpful to the cause of Christ in any way possible. Later other men did the same type of work in many ways and places. The Association appointed Rev. Nathan Greene as Associational Missionary at Oak Grove in 1938 and he has been followed by others, both men and women, in all the years since. The work has grown until a full-time paid person oversees the greatly expanded work. The Association has been without a Missionary since August 1975 but a recommendation will be made to call one at the Annual Session in August 1976.

At the Spring Session of the Three Forks Association May 24, 1957 at Perkinsville Church the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Nathan Greene was formally presented to the Association by the Greene Family as a memorial to their parents. This property, consisting of an ample lot, a lovely dwelling and a store building which was converted into an office and headquarters for the Association, was to be used as a home for the Associational Missionary. It has been remodeled and occupied by the Missionary since that time.

The Association in its session at Mulberry Church in

1883 passed a resolution against the church members who made liquor. Before this date, there were churches who were strongly against the making, selling and using of strong drink. From that date on, at each session of the Association, there has been a report on this phase of the work. Leaders of the Association have always opposed the liquor traffic in any form. From time to time they have urged the ministers, teachers and members of the churches to fight the traffic with all their might. Baptists of Three Forks Association joined other Baptists and Christians in the state and were responsible for the defeat of the liquor-by-the-drink bill when it was presented in the State Legislature a few years ago. People today are indebted to Baptists for the firm stand they took on the liquor question years ago.

The Baptist Children's Homes have always been a favorite of the Three Forks Association. Begun as the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville in 1885 a representative visited the Association that year in the interest of the Orphanage. At every session of the Association some friend has spoken a good word for the Children's Homes. In 1932 the trustees of the institution called one of our members, I. G. Greer, to be its Superintendent. From its small beginning it has grown to be an agency that is looked upon as a leader in child care across the nation. Every church makes special offerings for this institution. Someone said, "He thanked the Lord this is one thing upon which all our churches are agreed."

The first Sunday Schools in the churches were very crude affairs. For those who could not read, it was the Blue Back Speller. The object was to teach people who were not able, to read. They would take a chapter each Sunday and would read a verse each. Then the people began to see what the Sunday School should be and in the session of 1883 the Association recommended lesson helps. The first picture lessons that were used in the Sunday Schools for children aroused critical comment. One member, it is reported, when his child brought his pictured lesson home, said with strong language, "Who in the world wants to know anything about old Jeroboam?"

So far as is known, the first Sunday School was organized at Cove Creek in 1867 with Hiram McBride as Superintendent. Since then Sunday School has been a very important part of the work of the church and when a new church was organized a Sunday School was begun at the same time. In 1882, when the Association met at Flat Rock, 18 out of 25 churches reported Sunday Schools and Boone was evergreen, in other words, Boone had Sunday School all year. As late as the early 1900's many of the Sunday School would disband when winter came and reorganize in the spring when the weather became favorable. Some of the churches thought nothing of disbanding for the winter.

Early in the 1900's Dr. Hight C. Moore held the first Sunday School Institute at Cove Creek Church. Later E. L. Middleton came as a worker in the Association and held institutes that lasted over the week-end. Every church that wanted a worker could have one for a week who would instruct them how to organize a Sunday School, how to increase attendance and how to train the teachers and officers. The same type of work is carried on today but usually with local leadership who have availed themselves of opportunities to further their education in Sunday School work under the instruction of capable workers who have given themselves to the study of how best to present the work to meet the needs of the youngest child to the oldest adult. Sunday School in 1976 is the strongest organization in the church and influential in making the church the strong institution it is today.

Woman's Missionary Union and the Baptist Brotherhood are the missionary organizations of the church. When the Three Forks Association met at Cove Creek Church in August 1913, the women met to perfect an organization which had been discussed at the session of the Association in 1912. Miss Blanche Barrus, Corresponding Secretary of the WMU of North Carolina, came to the Association that year and presented the plan of work to the women present at the Association. The women met in the school house to consider the adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws. The meeting was presided over by Miss Rose Edna Brown of Blowing Rock. After reading the Constitution and discussing the plan of work, the Constitution was adopted and officers elected for the coming year.

Following the Association three churches organized Woman's Missionary Societies; Blowing Rock, Boone and Cove Creek. Today there are 19 active WMU's, most with organizations for every age group. In addition to these, 15 other churches have at one time had an organization.

The Baptist Brotherhood was first organized in the 1930's, and is for the men and boys what WMU is for the women and girls. As the names indicate, these are the missionary organizations of the church and their purpose is to promote missions. They do this by helping the men, women and young people to develop a world awareness, with appreciation for all people and concern for their needs; encourageing the development of the spiritual life as Bible study, family worship and observances of the Weeks of Prayer are stressed; showing the importance of sharing of possessions through tithing, the Cooperative Program and special mission offerings; cultivating missionary convictions in the hearts of our young people; and enlistment and training of leaders.

Church Training, which was first known as Baptist Young People's Union or BYPU, and later as Baptist Training Union, was begun by two churches. Boone Church organized the first BYPU in 1916; Forest Grove soon followed in 1918. in 1921, F. M. Huggins, reporting on State Missions, suggested that the churches should encourage organizations of BYPU for training and development of young people. The Moderator appointed a committee on BYPU work to report at the next session. Reports have been given regularly in the associational meetings wince that time. By 1926 there was BYPU work in 11 churches. A step forward was taken in 1928 when an Associational Director was appointed. Under the leadership of these men and women the work has shown remarkable growth.

With the addition of tournaments interest increased among the members: Bible Reading for Adults, Better Speaking and Sword Drills for Young People, and Memory Work and Bible Drills for Children.

Church Training has grown from year to year. Many have worked faithfully in their own churches and the Association, doing their part in the great work of Training for Service.

Much of the progress of the Association has been since 1940. During the 1940's eight new churches were organized: Beech Valley, Friendship, Green Valley, Mabel, Mountain Dale, Perkinsville, Tabernacle and White Rock. As a direct result of the labors of N. M. Greene are Mountain Dale, Green Valley, Tabernacle and Perkinsville and he was the first pastor of these churches except for Mountain Dale.

J. C. Canipe was active in the organization of the other churches. In 1953 Vanderpool Church was organized and in 1958 Greenway Church. This brought the number of churches in the Association to 46 but in 1974 Mount Gilead Church, a member since its organization in 1876, withdrew from the Association and reduced the number 45.

The first Associational Camp for youth under the direction of the WMU, was held in 1947 for Royal Ambassadors and Girl's auxiliaries at Camp Fiesta, now Camp Rainbow. For four years, camps were held in the home of Odes and Nora Wilson. By 1956 a bunk building and an assembly-recreation room had been added. The WMU and Brotherhood were faithful in the building of the camp, giving their time, money and prayers, and in the support of the camp and participation in camp activities.

Later the property was deeded the the Three Forks Baptist Association and in 1974 an additional 10 acres of land adjoining the original 4½ acres was bought by the Camp Director, resigned in August 1970. Mrs. Margaret Hartley, present Director of Camp Joy, is very busy promoting the Camp and under her leadership many improvements have been made. The long-range plan is to make it available for year-round use. During the period from May through October the Camp is used by many groups from within the Association, North Carolina and other states, for day meetings, over-night retreats and week-long activities.

In the early days of the Association the churches had two and sometimes three pastors, so that one would always be available to preach to the church at least once a month except in those instances when the church disbanded during the worst winter months. In the 1976 reports to the Association all except 4 churches reported worship services every Sunday.

Church music has always been important in the worship of the church. From the days of the old Christian Harmony used widely in the churches during the latter part of the 19th century and singing by note in the early part of the 20th century, to the present day, music director and 21 have an active music organization.

When the Association came into being in 1840 it was the custom to extend an annual call to a pastor. This continued almost without exception for the first one hundred years. In 1898, some far-seeing men, caused the Association to recommend an indefinite call. Today, with few exceptions, all churches extend an indefinite call to their pastor.

From its beginning the Three Forks Baptist Association has been truly missionary, it has encouraged education, sponsored benevolence, fostered Sunday School and all other church organizations, fought the liquor traffic and always respected the independence of the churches.

HISTORICAL TABLE OF THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Place of meeting of each session with names of Moderators, Clerks, and Preacher:

YEAR	CHURCH	MODERATOR	CLERK	PREACHER
1841	Three Forks of S. F.	Isaiah Wilcoxon	Richard Gentry	Barzilla McBride
1842	Beaver Creek	Isaiah Wilcoxon	Richard Gentry	Richard Gentry
1843	Roans Creek	Barzilla McBride	Richard Gentry	Barzilla McBride
1844	South Fork	Barzilla McBride	Richard Gentry	R. P. Farthing
1845	Three Forks of N. F.	Barzilla McBride	Richard Gentry	Richard Gentry
1846	Bear Creek	Barzilla McBride	Richard Gentry	Joseph Harrison
1847	Ebenezer	Barzilla McBride	John Cook	Barzilla McBride
1848	Three Forks of S. F.	Barzilla McBride	Richard Gentry	Richard Gentry
1849	North Fork	Barzilla McBride	Richard Gentry	Barzilla McBride
1850	Gap Creek	Barzilla McBride	Richard Gentry	Joseph Harrison
1851	Pine Grove	Barzilla McBride	John Cook	Larkin Hodges
1852	Cove Creek	Barzilla McBride	John Cook	J. A. Farthing
1853	Horse Creek	Barzilla McBride	John Cook	Jessie Farmer
1854	Old Fields	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	A. C. Farthing
1855	Roans Creek	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	Larking Hodges
1856	Antioch	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	J. A. Farthing
1857	Meat Camp	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	John Cook
1858	South Fork	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	Joseph Harrison
1859	Three Forks of N. F.	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	Wm. Wilcoxon
1860	Bethel	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	D. C. Harmon
1861	Three Forks of S. F.	J. A. Farthing	Rufus Moore	A. C. Farthing
1862	Gap Creek	J. A. Farthing	Rufus Moore	J. A. Farthing
1863	Ebenezer	J. A. Farthing	Rufus Moore	R. P. Farthing
1864	Cove Creek	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	S. J. Farthing
1865	Mulberry	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	A. C. Farthing
1866	Meat Camp	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	D. C. Harmon
1867	Brushy Fork	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	L. L. Maples
1868	Globe	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	Jobe Moore
1869	Bethel	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harmon	D. C. Harmon
1870	Three Forks	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harmon	R. P. Farthing
1871	Yadkin	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harmon	A. C. Farthing
1872	Antioch	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harmon	T. F. Nelson
1873	Meat Camp	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harmon	A. C. Farthing
1874	Mulberry	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harmon	D. C. Harmon
1875	Mount Zion	D. C. Harmon	L. L. Greene	J. M. Hall
1876	Mount Pleasant	D. C. Harmon	L. L. Greene	J. A. Farthing
1877	Globe	D. C. Harmon	L. L. Greene	W. D. Brown
1878	Cove Creek	A. C. Farthing	Hiram McBride	Asa Brown
1879	South Fork	A. C. Farthing	Hiram McBride	D. C. Harmon
1880	Pisgah	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harmon	E. F. Jones
1881	Brushy Fork	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harmon	D. C. Harmon
1882	Flat Top	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harmon	A. C. Farthing
1883	Mulberry	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harmon	E. F. Jones
1884	Bethel	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harmon	J. J. L. Sherwood
1885	Three Forks	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harmon	I. W. Thomas
1886	Laurel Springs	A. C. Farthing	J. J. T. Reese	J. M. Harmon
1887	Beaver Dam	A. C. Farthing	J. J. T. Reese	J. H. Farthing
1888	Boone	A. C. Farthing	J. J. T. Reese	David Greene
1889	Mount Zion	A. C. Farthing	Jacob Younce	Dr. C. E. Taylor
1890	Three Forks	A. C. Farthing	Jacob Younce	J. J. L. Sherwood
1891	Mount Gilead	A. C. Farthing	Jacob Younce	J. F. Davis
1892	Meat Camp	W. S. Farthing	Jacob Younce	J. H. Farthing
1893	Antioch	W. S. Farthing	Jacob Younce	Dr. C. Durham
1894	Gap Creek	J. F. Spainhour	Jacob Younce	L. A. Wilson
1895	Cove Creek	W. S. Farthing	Jacob Younce	J. E. Younce
1896	South Fork	W. S. Farthing	Smith Hagaman	J. H. Farthing
1897	Brushy Fork	W. S. Farthing	Smith Hagaman	David Greene
1898	Cool Springs	W. S. Farthing	Smith Hagaman	L. C. Wilson
1899	Beech Mountain	W. S. Farthing	Smith Hagaman	L. C. Wilson
1900	Laurel Springs	J. A. Farthing	Smith Hagaman	J. M. Payne

1901	Bethel	W. S. Farthing	Smith Hagaman	D. C. Harmon
1902	Flat Top	W. S. Farthing	Smith Hagaman	Solomon Younce
1903	Zion Hill	W. S. Farthing	Smith Hagaman	J. F. Miller
1904	Elk Valley	W. S. Farthing	Smith Hagaman	C. S. Farthing
1905	Pleasant Grove	W. S. Farthing	Smith Hagaman	David Greene
1906	Shulls Mills	W. S. Farthing	Smith Hagaman	C. S. Farthing
1907	Boone	W. S. Farthing	Smith Hagaman	C. S. Farthing
1908	Forest Grove	W. S. Farthing	Smith Hagaman	J. M. Payne
1909	Howard's Creek	W. S. Farthing	Smith Hagaman	D. A. Greene
1910	Beaver Dam	W. S. Farthing	Smith Hagaman	J. M. Payne
1911	Mount Calvary	W. S. Farthing	Smith Hagaman	G. W. Trivette
1912	South Fork	J. J. L. Sherwood	Smith Hagaman	J. J. L. Sherwood
1913	Cove Creek	J. J. L. Sherwood	Smith Hagaman	J. F. Eller
1914	Meat Camp	J. J. L. Sherwood	Smith Hagaman	J. M. Payne
1915	Zionville	J. J. L. Sherwood	W. Y. Perry	L. A. Wilson
1916	Stony Fork	J. J. L. Sherwood	W. Y. Perry	J. F. Eller
1917	Antioch	J. J. L. Sherwood	W. Y. Perry	L. C. Wilson
1918	Bethel	Smith Hagaman	W. Y. Perry	Wellington Swift
1919	Union	Smith Hagaman	W. Y. Perry	R. C. Eggers
1920	Gap Creek	Smith Hagaman	W. Y. Perry	R. C. Eggers
1921	Brushy Fork	Smith Hagaman	W. Y. Perry	F. M. Huggins
1922	Timbered Ridge	Smith Hagaman	W. Y. Perry	L. C. Wilson
1923	Laurel Springs	Smith Hagaman	W. Y. Perry	R. C. Eggers
1924	Pleasant Grove	Smith Hagaman	W. Y. Perry	Roy Dotson
1925	Three Forks	Smith Hagaman	W. Y. Perry	F. M. Huggins
1926	South Fork	Smith Hagaman	W. Y. Perry	E. J. Farthing
1927	Zion Hill	Smith Hagaman	W. Y. Perry	Braxton Craig
1928	Middle Fork	I. G. Greer	W. Y. Perry	L. A. Hurst
1929	Shulls Mills	I. G. Greer	W. Y. Perry	P. A. Hicks
1930	Mount Lebanon	I. g. Greer	W. Y. Perry	A. J. Greene
1931	Meat Camp	I. G. Greer	W. Y. Perry	Roy Dtoson
1932	Bethany	I. G. Greer	W. Y. Perry	J. A. McKaughan
1933	South Fork	W. D. Farthing	W. Y. Perry	W. D. Ashley
1934	Beaver Dam	W. D. Farthing	Dean Swift	A. J. Greene
1935	Brushy Fork	W. D. Farthing	Clyde R. Greene	W. R. Davis
1936	Zionville	R. C. Eggers	Clyde R. Greene	J. C. Canipe
1937	Howard's Creek	R. C. Eggers	Clyde R. Greene	W. C. Payne
1938	Oak Grove	R. C. Eggers	Clyde R. Greene	Phillip Fletcher
1939	Cove Creek	R. C. Eggers	Clyde R. Greene	D. M. Edmisten
1940	Three Forks	R. C. Eggers	Clyde R. Greene	G. A. Hamby
1941	Pleasant Grove	S. C. Eggers	Clyde R. Greene	J. C. Canipe
1942	Mount Calvary	S. C. Eggers	Clyde R. Greene	H. K. Middleton
1943	Clark's Creek	S. C. Eggers	Clyde R. Greene	Vilas Minton
1944	Bethel	S. C. Eggers	Clyde R. Greene	Raymond Hendrix
1945	Boone	J. C. Canipe	Clyde R. Greene	Ben Lee Ray
1946	Rutherwood	H. K. Middleton	Clyde R. Greene	L. H. Hagaman
1947	Willowdale	H. K. Middleton	Clyde R. Greene	W. De. Ashley
1948	Laurel Springs	R. C. Eggers	Clyde R. Greene	Oscar J. Harris
1949	Zionville	R. C. Eggers	Clyde R. Greene	Ronda Earp
	Forest Grove			
1950	Perkinsville	R. C. Eggers	Clyde R. Greene	Raymond Hendrix
	Three Forks			
1951	Beech Valley	R. C. Eggers	Clyde R. Greene	A. C. Moody
	Poplar Grove			
1952	Mabel	R. C. Eggers	Clyde R. Greene	Harold Songer
	Union			
1953	South Fork	R. C. Eggers	Clyde R. Greene	Victor Trivette
	Green Valley			
1954	Oak Grove	L. H. Hollingsworth	Mrs. Blanche Perry	E. O. Gore
	Boone			
1955	Bethany	L. H. Hollingsworth	Mrs. Blanche Perry	C. O. Vance
	Mount Calvary			
1956	Pleasant Grove	C. O. Vance	Mrs. Blanche Perry	R. C. Eggers
	Bethel	L. H. Hollingsworth		
1957	Cove Creek	Wade E. Brown	Mrs. Blanche Perry	Rex W. West
	Gap Creek			

1958	Poplar Grove	Wade E. Brown	Mrs. Blanche Perry	J. E. Crump
	Stony Fork			
1959	Union	Rex W. West	Mrs. Blanche Perry	W. R. Eaton
	Rutherwood			J. Hoyt Roberson
1960	Meat Camp	Rex W. West	Mrs. Blanche Perry	E. M. Blankenship
	Willowdale			Bernard Tuttle
1961	Willow Valley	E. M. Blankenship	Mrs. Blanche Perry	Glenn South
	Middle Fork			W. T. Brackett
1962	Pleasant Grove	E. M. Blackenship	Mrs. Alma Phillips	J. Boyce Brooks
	Howard's Creek			Herbert McCoy
1963	South Fork	Co. O. Vance	Mrs. Alma Phillips	George Hyler
	Oak Grove			Maurice Cooper
1964	Greenway	C. O. Vance	Miss Harriet Gentry	J. E. Crump
	Zionville			Walter Hill
1965	Brushy Fork	J. O. Young	Mrs. Alma Phillips	J. C. Canipe
	Boone			W. E. Pope
1966	Laurel Springs	J. E. Crump	Mrs. Alma Phillips	L. A. Talbert
	Poplar Grove			Donald Wilson
1967	Perkinsville	J. E. Crump	Mrs. Alma Phillips	E. S. Morgan
	Cove Creek			Russell Richardson
1968	Rutherwood	Clyde R. Greene	Mrs. Alma Phillips	Fritz Hemphill
	Beech Valley			Marvin Saunders
1969	Blowing Rock	Clyde R. Greene	Mrs. Blanche Perry	Pete Vannoy
	Mount Calvary			H. E. Benfield
1970	Three Forks	Herbert McCoy	Mrs. Blanche Perry	Fritz Hemphill
	Oak Grove			Lynn Powers
1971	Boone, First	Dr. Jack Lawrence	Mrs. Blanche Perry	James Mull
	Tabernacle			R. T. Stancil
1972	Pleasant Grove	Dr. Jack Lawrence	Mrs. Kathy Adams	Co. O. Vance
	Greenway		Miss Lois Blackburn	Howard Cook
1973	Brushy Fork	Vance Edwards	Miss Lois Blackburn	Robert Mann
	Bethel			Guy Hunt, Jr.
1974	Cove Creek	James Marsh, Sr.	Mrs. Blanche Perry	Harold King
	Meat Camp			Robert R. White
1975	Rutherwood	James Marsh, Sr.	Mrs. Blanche Perry	Fred Reece
	Gap Creek			Charles Allard
1976	Perkinsville	James Marsh, Sr.	Mrs. Blanche Perry	Dr. Robert Newton
	Brushy Fork			James Lambert

MINUTES OF THE THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

September 1-2, 1865

(As copied from the original hand-written copy.)

Minutes of the Three Forks Baptist Association at its twenty-fifth annual session held with the Mulberry Church, Caldwell County, North Carolina September 1st and 2nd days, 1865.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Stephen J. Farthing from Colossians 2nd chapter and 6th verse. After a short recess the delegates assembled at the house after prayer by Elder R. P. Farthing. Read letters from eleven churches and one church represented without a letter from which the annual table was prepared.

1st. The association was organized by electing John A. Farthing moderator and Hiram McBride clerk.

2nd. Invited transient members to seats with us. Elder R. H. Moody from Catawba and Stephen J. Farthing from Three Forks accepted the same and took part in our deliberations.

3rd. Invited corresponding Brethren from sister associations to seats. Elders Reason Jones and T. B. Welch from Senter came forward with a letter and parcel of minutes and Elder Wm. B. Halsey and Daniel Cawdell from Mountain with a letter who received the right hand of fellowship and seated with us.

4th. Appointed Brethren Wm. Hayes, F. Danner and Benjamin Green with the delegates of this church to arrange the ministry during this association and appointed for tomorrow 1st Wm. B. Halsey, 2nd T. B. Welch, 3rd Daniel Cawdell, 4th A. C. Farthing.

5th. Appointed Elder D. C. Harmon, A. C. Farthing and Job Moore with the moderator and clerk a committee to arrange the business of this association and correspondents invited to act with them.

6th. Appointed Brethren John L. Adams, Jacob Lewis and Benjamin Green committee on finance.

7th. After prayer adjourned until tomorrow morning 10 o'clock.

Saturday morning September 2nd the association met according to adjournment, and after prayer by Elder D. Cawdell proceeded.

1st. The committee of arrangements report which was received and the committee discharged.

2nd. Called on correspondents to Sister associations who reported satisfactory.

3rd. On motion appointed Brethren Robert Shearer, F. Danner and Wm. Hayes a committee on correspondence and union meetings.

4th. On motion read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

5th. Took up the reference of the New Covenant Church from last year and after some investigation agree to pass the matter for the present.

6th. Took up the case of the South Fork, Zion and Laurel Fork churches for not representing themselves in our body and appointed the following committees to visit them. 1st to South Fork, Elder R. P. Farthing and Brethren Eli Brown and Benjamin Green. 2nd Zion, Elder A. C. Farthing and Brethren R. Shearer and Ransom Hayes. 3rd Laurel Fork, Elders Job Moore, D. C. Harmon, and Brother Hiram McBride.

7th. The committee on ministry report for tomorrow. 1st D. Cawdell, 2nd R. H. Moody, 3rd Reason Jones, 4th J. A. Farthing.

8th. Took up the request of the Bethlehem Church and finding that there existed a difficulty between that church and the Globe Church declined to grant their request for the present, and appointed a committee consisting of the following Ministering Brethren viz. D. C. Harmon, A. C. Farthing, R. P. Farthing and John A. Farthing, and Brethren R. Shearer and Benjamin Green to inquire into and settle the matter if possible and report to the next association.

9th. Committee on finance reported and was discharged. Report: Received in contributions from the churches in Bank notes sixteen dollars and twenty-five cents, in specie two dollars and fifty cents, in Greenback five dollars and forty cents.

10th. Committee on correspondence and union meetings report the following: 1st to Roaring River, Elders R. P. and S. J. Farthing, to Senter, Elders A. C. Farthing and Job Moore, to Mountain, Elders D. C. Harmon and John A. Farthing to write letters and assign the moderator's and clerk's names. 2nd appointed union meetings as follows: with the Three Fork of South Fork to commence on Friday before the first Sabbath in June next, Elders A. C. and R. P. Farthing and Job Moore to attend one with Three Fork of North Fork to commence on Friday before the third Sabbath in May next, S. J. Farthing, D. C. Harmon and John A. Farthing to attend.

11th. On motion allowed the clerk five dollars in Bank notes, two dollars and thirty cents in specie and five dollars and forty cents in Greenback for writing out a copy of our minutes for each church.

12th. Appointed our next association to be held with the Meat Camp Church, Watauga County, North Carolina, six miles north of Boone, to commence on Friday before the first Sabbath in September 1866 and appointed Elder A. C. Farthing to preach the introductory sermon, Elder D. C. Harmon his alternate.

13th. Resolved that we tender our thanks to the citizzens of this vicinity for their kindness and hospitality manifested toward us during our meeting. Prayer by Elder R. H. Moody and adjourned to time and place of our next association.

14th. The stand was filled on Sunday by Brethren in order of their names to a large congregation.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	DELEGATES NAMES	BAPTIZED	RESTORED	RECEIVED BY LETTER	DISMISSED BY LETTER	EXCLUDED	DEAD	TOTAL	CONTRIBUTIONS
Antioch	D. C. Harmon								3.40
Bethel	J. A., A. C. and R. P. Farthing					5	2	63	4.00
Bethlehem	W. Moore, A. and B. C. Harrison					2	1	20	.75
Brushy Fork	F. Danner, W. Holtsclaw	1			1	2		55	5.00
Buck Mountain	Samuel Hicks, M. W. Winters			2		4		22	
Cove Creek	John L. Adams					3	1	50	4.00
Globe	Job Moore, James Estes	1	1				2	24	
Meat Camp	Benjamin Green			1		4	1	61	1.20
Mulberry	C. Blair, Hugh Green							20	
Pine Grove	Wm. Hayes, Hiram McBride							23	1.00
Three Forks of South Fork	R. Shearer, E. Brown, R. Hays					3	2	105	2.25
Three Forks of North Fork	J. Roark, J. Lewis			2	2	3	2	68	2.00
Ebenezer	Not Represented								
Gap Creek	Not Represented								
Laurel Fork	Not Represented								
New Covenant	Not Represented								
Roans Creek	Not Represented								
South Fork	Not Represented								
Watauga	Not Represented								
Zion	Not Represented								
	TOTALS	2	1	5	3	26	11	511	23.95

Three Forks Baptist Association

TABLES

Year ending June 30, 1976

TABLE A CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL CLERK Mrs. Blanche Perry Route 1, Box 18 Vilas, N. C. 28692 PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Year organized as a church	Location**	Services held twice on Sunday?	Total Baptisms	Other additions (by letter, etc.)	Members lost by letter, death, etc.	Present resident members	Present nonresident members	Grand total present members	Members rec'd from non-Baptist churches	Members lost to non-Baptist churches	Value of pastor's home if owned by the church	Value of church property including pastor's home	Total church debt at end of this associational year
Antioch	No Report	1849													
Beaver Dam	Burmah Shore, Blowing Rock 28605	1874	1		3		2	187	85	272				10000	
Beech Valley*	Lawrence Hagaman, Sugar Grove 28679	1849	1	N	3	4	2	130	27	157				30000	
Bethany	No Report	1893													
Bethel	Dr. R. Paul Caudill, Rt. 2, Vilas 28692	1851	1	Y	6	2	65	76	64	140	2		15000	65000	
Blowing Rock, First	Dr. Robert L. Newton, Box 371, Blowing Rock 28605	1903	3	Y	8	10	14	158	30	188	2			450000	40764
Boone, First	Robert C. Mann, 106 Edgewood Drive, Boone 28607	1871	4	Y	6	34	36	718	500	1218	1			1422570	
Brushy Fork		1858	1	Y	7	6	13	324		324	1	1	30000	100000	
Clark's Creek	Bill Warren, Rt. 5, Boone 28607	1898	1	Y	1	5	4	80	31	111				30000	1927
Cool Springs	David Greene, Rt. 2, Vilas 28692	1888	1	Y	8	2		54	58	112					
Cove Creek	J. R. Bouldin, Rt. 1, Sugar Grove 28679	1799	1	Y	2	5	17	201	69	270	2	1	18000	110000	
Elk Knob	No Report	1885													
Forest Grove	No Report	1889													
Friendship	No Report	1948													
Gap Creek	Lester Carson, Deep Gap 28618	1880	1	Y	5	8	31	66	87	153			40000	90000	6000
Green Valley	No Report	1946													
Greenway	J. C. Jones, Jr., Greenway Road, Boone 28607	1958	5	Y	9	34	17	326	37	363	2	4		350000	19103

Howard's Creek	James Ray Tester, Zionville 28698	1882	1	Y	6	3	5	182	30	212				100000	10592
Laurel Springs	Sumter West, Rt. 1, Boone 28607	1873				5	10	136	210	346			30000	150000	12000
Mabel	Lyle P. Vannoy, Rt. 1, Todd 28684	1948	1	Y	7	10	3	64	46	110					
Meat Camp		1851	1	Y	5	2	2	185	71	256			18000	50000	
Middle Fork	George Berry, 202 Hill Street, Boone 28607	1905	1	Y	2	1	11	97	63	160	1	1	25000	60000	
Mount Calvary*	Dean Baughn, P. O. Box 125, Banner Elk 28604	1880	2	Y	1	2	7	114	75	189			46000	132000	10500
Mount Lebanon	Carl Wilson, Rt. 2, Vilas 28692	1891	1	N	7	1	5								
Mountain Dale	No Report	1941													
Oak Grove	Fred W. Reece, P. O. Box 88, Boone, 28607	1916	4	Y	5	8	14	340	62	402	1	1	35000	269000	10300
Perkinsville	Charles Allard, Rt. 2, Box 7, Boone 28607	1947	4	Y	10	21	13	318	80	398	3	2		250000	
Pleasant Grove	Herbert McCoy, Rt. 1, Box 191, Zionville 28698	1891	1	Y	5	14	18	292	128	420			40000	140000	
Poplar Grove	Donald G. Critcher, 103 Poplar Hill Dr., Boone 28607	1872	1	Y	1		5	115	20	135		1		55000	
Proffit's Grove	Delmar James, Sugar Grove 28679	1911	1	Y	11	3	4	147	48	195	2				
Rich Mountain	James Hagaman, Rt. 1, Box 163, Zionville 28698	1905	1	Y	6	4	3	65	15	80				35000	12000
Rutherwood	Stanley P. Cabell, Rt. 1, Boone 28607	1938	2	Y	3		11	225	67	292		2	32000	300000	42300
Shulls Mills	Arlie E. Moretz, Oak Grove Road, Boone 28607	1888		N		2	3	29	26	55				30000	
South Fork	R. D. Byrd, Todd 28684	1833	2	Y	2	1	5	143	30	173			20000	55000	
Stony Fork	Rex Foster, Rt. 1, Deep Gap 28618	1841	1	Y	9		3	167	18	185				60000	
Tabernacle	Raymond Hendrix, 101 Delmar St., Boone 28607	1941	1	Y		5	1	56	20	76	2			30000	
Three Forks	L. M. Powers, 2200 E. King St., Boone 28607	1790	1	Y	4	6	4	184	69	253			24500	225200	44000
Timbered Ridge	Ray Greene, Rt. 2, Box 255, Butler, TN 37640	1906	1	N	10		3	143	30	173					
Union	No Report	1885													
Vanderpool	No Report	1953													
White Rock	Orville Wallace, Trade, TN 37691	1945	1	Y		2	3	38	60	98		3		20000	
Willowdale	Cannon G. Ward, Sugar Grove 28679	1911	1	Y	5	4	7	148	88	236			25000	85000	
Willow Valley	A. Ray Minton, Rt. 1, Vilas 28692	1935	1	Y	19	7	3	100	51	151				100000	
Zion Hill	Quincy Norris, Rt. 1, Sugar Grove 28679	1886	1	N	10		2	243	50	293				30000	
Zionville	Lyle P. Vannoy, Rt. 1, Todd 28684	1836	2	N	12	5	7	178	159	337				35000	
	TOTALS				198	216	352	6060	2504	8533	19	16	398500	4768780	209486

All Churches are in Watauga County except as noted: (*) Avery County. **1—Open Country; 2—Village; 3—Town; 4—Small City; 6—Neighborhood; 7—Suburbs.

TABLE B THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Mr. James W. Churchwell

Route 3, Box 21A Boone, N. C. 28607

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	Cradle roll enrollment (Birth—2 yrs.)	Preschool enrollment (Birth—5 yrs.)	Children enrollment (6—11 years)	Youth enrollment (12—17 yrs.)	Young Adult enrollment—Single	Young Adult enrollment—Married	Adult enrollment (30—59 yrs.)	Senior Adult enrollment (60 & Up)	Adults Away enrollment	Homebound enrollment	General officers enrollment	Enrollment of mission(s) of church	Total ongoing Sunday School enrollment	Average weekly Sunday School attendance	Number of Bible Study groups	Bible Study groups enrollment	Weekday Bible Study enrollment	Church VBS enrollment	Mission VBS enrollment	Total VBS enrollment
Antioch	No Report																				
Beaver Dam	Gerald Greene, Rt. 2, Vilas 28692	14		9	7	13	20	28						97	90						
Beech Valley	Cecil Presnell, Rt. 3, Banner Elk 28604	7	20	10	8	15	40	33				2		135	80	1	30				
Bethany	No Report																				
Bethel	Phil Farthing, Rt. 1, Sugar Grove 28679		6	10	11	3	10	22	19		9			90	59				44		44
Blowing Rock, First	Marvin Hartley, Rt. 1, Box 167, Blowing Rock 28605		13	17	15	1	8	17	29			3	10	123	60	1	23		74		74
Boone, First	Robert Bumgartner, 104 Chandy St., Boone 28607		58	93	120	30	27	66	144		30	7		575	303	6	55		203		203
Brushy Fork	Lee Anderson, Rt. 5, Boone 28607	9	22	14	8	10	20	27	29					139					104		104
Clark's Creek	Johnny Hodges, Rt. 1, Sugar Grove 28679		10	14	15			20	11			5		75	56	1	15		34		34
Cool Springs	Orrin Sherrill, Boone 28607		4		9	7		21				2		43							
Cove Creek	Raymond Scholl, Rt. 1, Sugar Grove 28679	8	9	20	5	4	15	62	47	5	26	4		205	114	1	25		165		165
Elk Knob	No Report																				
Forest Grove	No Report																				
Friendship	No Report																				
Gap Creek	Jack Wellborn, Deep Gap 28618			4	8	9	24		35			2		82	54				28		28
Green Valley	No Report																				
Greenway	John D. Cook, 107 Hillcrest Circle, Boone 28607	7	28	34	47	27	28	55	32			6		264	156	1	12		145		145
Howard's Creek	Glenn Townsend, State Farm Rd., Boone 28607		12	18	8	15	14	27	10			2		106	76				51		51

Laurel Springs	Charles Watson, Rt. 1, Deep Gap 28618	6	6	6	18	9	8	30	31			3		117	110	2	30		91		91
Mabel	M. L. Warren, Jr., Zionville 28698	3	5	8	8	9	12	31	14	7				97	70				33		33
Meat Camp	Wade Shoemake, Rt. 2, Boone 28607	6	5	6	12	3	10	10	12					64	64				64		64
Middle Fork	Herbert Hampton, Deerfield Road, Boone 28607		5	14	9	2	16	18	8					72	68				25		25
Mount Calvary	Ms. Bonita Smith, Rt. 2, Banner Elk 28604		15	22	16		8	14	12			3		90	65				86		86
Mount Lebanon	Ray Baird, Rt. 5, Boone 28607													155							
Mountain Dale	No Report																				
Oak Grove	Joseph McNeil, Rt. 1, Box 152, Vilas 28692		34	42	41	9	46	95	29			5	50	351	225				126		126
Perkinsville	Gene Swift, Rt. 4, Boone 28607	15	25	56	31	16	28	70	26			3		287	175	1	5		109		109
Pleasant Grove	Tommy Cook, Rt. 1, Zionville 28698	2	17	31	30	10	60	23	33			4		210	139	1	35		118		118
Poplar Grove	Arville Greene, Boone 28607	2	6	7	8	6	5	29	10			2		76	45				45		45
Proffit's Grove	Frank Pope, Zionville 28698	4		17	15		10	35	10					87	80				40		40
Rich Mountain	Carter Moretz, Rt. 5, Boone 28607		7	10	12		18	30						77	60				45		45
Rutherwood	S. B. Brown, Jr., Rt. 1, Boone 28607	3	10	44	37	10	2	61	25			3		195	115				122		122
Shulls Mills	Gary Shores, Rt. 3, Boone 28607		3	4	9	5	2	9	6					38	29						
South Fork	Denny Norris, Rt. 2, Boone 28607	4	6	21	24	8	15	32	16					125	93				128		128
Stony Fork	Harlan Greene, Rt. 1, Deep Gap 28618		9	10	14	3	30	30						96	90	1	40	30	54		54
Tabernacle	Milton Moretz, Rt. 1, Boone 28607			8	10	15	6	20	10					70	40				35		35
Three Forks	Mrs. Robert Fletcher, Rt. 5, Box 338, Boone 28607	8	13	19	26	14	38	26	37		6	2		189	107				70		70
Timbered Ridge	Mike Dishman, Rt. 1, Sugar Grove 28679		6	13	8	25	37	12						101	85						
Union	No Report																				
Vanderpool	No Report																				
White Rock	Hade Smith, Rt. 1, Box 286, Banner Elk 28604	4	7	6	3		3	24				7		54	30	1	12		17		17
Willowdale	Steve Ward, Rt. 4, Boone 28607		6	4	6	18	19	34	11			2		100	72				28		28
Willow Valley	Fred Greene, Box 13, Sugar Grove 28679	12	21	21	13	10	22	10	41	1				139	73	9	119		83	10	93
Zion Hill	Hoyt Combs, Rt. 1, Sugar Grove 28679		12	10	8	6	12	42	10			2		102	100						
Zionville	Robert Oliver, Rt. 1, Box 29, Creston 28615		8	8	10	13	16	38	18			4		115	96	2	45		25		25
	TOTALS	114	408	629	629	325	629	1101	715	13	71	73	60	4786	3234	28	446	30	2195	10	2205

TABLE C TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING UNION DIRECTOR Mrs. Nora M. Wilson Route 1, Box 207 Zionville, N. C. 28698 TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	Preschool enrollment (5 yrs. & under)	Children enrollment (6-11 yrs.)	Youth enrollment (12-17 yrs.)	Young Adult enrollment (18-29 yrs.)	Adult enrollment (30-59 yrs.)	Senior Adult enrollment (60 & over)	General officers enrollment	Total Training Union ongoing enrollment	New Member Registration		Church Leader Training Registration	Short Term Member Training Project Registration	Average weekly church training attendance
										Children	Adult			
Beech Valley	Mrs. Viola Ward, Rt. 3, Banner Elk 28604	7	11	11	14			2	45					
Bethel	*Mrs. Evelyn Farthing, Sugar Grove 28679 *Newly elected—Not organized.													
Blowing Rock, First		3	15	8					26					
Boone, First		8	6	45		30		1	90			45		88
Brushy Fork	Dean Moody, Rt. 1, Vilas 28692	13	15	20	18	26	10	11	103					79
Cove Creek	Mrs. Faye Deal, Rt. 1, Sugar Grove 28679	5	13	19	7	21	18	3	86					41
Greenway	T. Scott Wheeler, Rt. 5, Box 281-C, Boone 28607	7	15	37	17	32		4	111	6	36		42	53
Howard's Creek	Guy Norris, Rt. 5, Boone 28607	6	12	10	10	26		2	66					40
Laurel Springs	Miss Brenda Coffey, Rt. 1, Deep Gap 28618		4	5	6	10	3	2	30				3	27
Mabel	Vernon Shelton, Rt. 1, Vilas 28692		4	4	10	16	4		38					34
Meat Camp	Ms. Norma Adisey, Rt. 2, Boone 28607	2	4	9	2	13			30					30
Middle Fork	Mrs. Pauline Berry, 202 Hill Street, Boone 28607	1	9	8		12	8		37					30
Mount Calvary	Doyle Shomaker, P. O. Box 212, Banner Elk 28604	6	12	10	4	16	4	9	61					43

Oak Grove.....	John Vines, P.O. Box 405, Boone 28607.....	4	16	27	9	43		3	102					58
Pleasant Grove..... Poplar Grove.....	Larry Sanders, Rt. 1, Zionville 28698..... Ernest Dancy, 101 Poplar Hill Drive, Boone 28607	3	10	14	15 3	10 8	5	11	73 11					35 10
Rutherwood.....	Miss Shannon Parlier, Rt. 1, Boone 28607.....		4	20	9	27	8	2	70					60
Three Forks.....	Paul Isaacs, Rt. 5, Box 176-A, Boone 28607.....	2	12	13	4	5	3	3	42					28
Willowdale.....	Miss Corrine Greer, Rt. 1, Vilas 28692.....		6	5	12	12	5	2	42					28
Zionville.....	Ernest Combs, Rt. 1, Zionville 28698.....	4	4	5	3	5		4	25					20
	TOTALS	71	172	270	143	312	68	59	1088	6	36	45	45	730

TABLE D CHURCH MUSIC

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL MUSIC DIRECTOR Dr. Charles Isley 115 Woodland Drive Boone, N. C. 28607 MUSIC DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	Preschool enrollment (4-5 yrs.)	Children enrollment (6-11 yrs.)	Youth enrollment (12-17 yrs.)	Adult enrollment (18 & over)	Handbell ringers enrollment	Vocal ensembles enrollment	Instrumental ensembles enrollment	General music leaders enrollment	Total ongoing church music enrollment	Average weekly church music attendance	Church music study group enrollment
Antioch	No Report											
Beaver Dam	Dennis Creed, Rt. 2, Vilas 28692											
Beech Valley	Ronda Harmon, Rt. 2, Butler, TN 37640											
Bethany	No Report											
Bethel	Edmund Farthing, Rt. 2, Vilas 28692											
Blowing Rock, First.	Bruce Penticoff, Rt. 2, Box 129-B, Boone 28607		10	4	20			10		44	35	
Boone, First	Adrian Littlejohn, Rt. 1, Dogwood Knoll, Boone 28607	13	43	38	44	35			10	183	155	20
Brushy Fork	Dr. Charles Isley, 115 Woodland Drive, Boone 28607		16	15	35					66	45	
Clark's Creek	Johnny Hodges, Rt. 1, Sugar Grove 28679											
Cool Springs	Mrs. Eddie Sherrill, Boone 28607											
Cove Creek	Mrs. Mary Frank Smith, Rt. 1, Vilas 28692		11	3	18					26	22	
Elk Knob	No Report											
Forest Grove	No Report											
Friendship	No Report											
Gap Creek	A. M. Cheek, Deep Gap 28618											
Green Valley	No Report											
Greenway	Mrs. Juanita Bottoms, Rt. 5, Box 301-A, Boone 28607	5	10	32	30				8	85	60	

Howard's Creek.....	Wade Miller, Rt. 5, Boone 28607.....	6	8	8	24				1	47	30	
Laurel Springs.....	Bob Idol, Rt. 1, Boone 28607.....	8	4	8	26				4	50	12	
Mabel.....	L. C. Oliver, Jr., Zionville 28698.....		4	6	12					22	22	
Meat Camp.....	Allen Greene, Rt. 2, Box 229, Boone 28607.....											
Middle Fork.....	Bob Huff, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock 28605.....		8	5					2	15		
Mount Calvary.....	Mrs. Dorothy Chapman, Banner Elk 28604.....		15		18		3			36	25	
Mount Lebanon.....	S. B. Hayes, Rt. 1, Vilas 28692.....											
Mountain Dale.....	No Report.....											
Oak Grove.....	Clinton Parker, Rt. 5, Box 517, Boone 28607.....		10	26	30				4	70	40	
Perkinsville.....	Jimmy West, Farthing St., Boone 28607.....	5	30	20	22				4	87	45	
Pleasant Grove.....	Don Perry, Rt. 1, Zionville 28698.....	7	9	12	40				4	72	46	
Poplar Grove.....	Mrs. Kathy Adams, Rt. 3, Box 660, Boone 28607..		4	2	15				2	23	15	
Proffit's Grove.....	Hugh McKinney, Rt. 3, Boone 28607.....		10	8	30			3	2	48	25	10
Rich Mountain.....	Dan G. Miller, Rt. 5, Boone 28607.....		10	12	30				2	54	40	
Rutherwood.....	Mrs. Betty Hodges, Rt. 1, Boone 28607.....		5	12	28				2	47	22	16
Shulls Mills.....	Claude Shores, Rt. 3, Boone 28607.....											
South Fork.....	V. L. Greene, Rt. 2, Boone 28607.....		5	10	20				2	35	25	
Stony Fork.....	Wendell Norris, Rt. 1, Box 122, Deep Gap 28618.....											
Tabernacle.....												
Three Forks.....	Mrs. Will Spinks, Rt. 1, Box 22-P, Boone 28607.....		14	9	21				3	47	36	
Timbered Ridge.....	Elwood Eggers, Rt. 1, Sugar Grove 28679.....											
Union.....	No Report.....											
Vanderpool.....	No Report.....											
White Rock.....	Hade Smith, Rt. 1, Box 286, Banner Elk 28604.....											
Willowdale.....			4	5	18				3	30	20	
Willow Valley.....												
Zion Hill.....	Jerry Dishman, Rt. 1, Sugar Grove 28679.....	3	15	15	20			4	1	55	10	10
Zionville.....	Edgar P. Pardue, Rt. 1, Box 65, Zionville 28698...											
	TOTALS	47	245	250	501	35	3	17	54	1152	730	56

TABLE E WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

ASSOCIATIONAL WMU DIRECTOR

Mrs. Norman L. Reese

Route 2, Box 53A Vilas, N. C. 28692

CHURCHES	WMU DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	Number of Organizations							Enrollment							
		Mission Friends	Girls in Action	Acteens	Baptist Young Women	Baptist Women	Mission(s) of church	Total Number of Organizations	Mission Friends	Girls in Action	Acteens	Baptist Young Women	Baptist Women	WMU Officers	Mission(s) of Church	Total WMU Ongoing Enrollment
Bethel	Mrs. Mildred Turbyfill, Sugar Grove 28679					1		1					30	5		35
Blowing Rock, First.	Ms. Charles Birmingham, Box 407, Blowing Rock 28605		1			1		2		8			20	2		30
Boone, First	Ms. Helen Means, 405 Appalachian Dr., Boone 28607	1	3	2	1	1		8	8	27	18	9	91	5		158
Brushy Fork	Mrs. Reba Brooks, Rt. 1, Box 58, Vilas 28692	1	1	1	1	1		5	5	7	5	15	18	7		57
Cove Creek	Mrs. Nora M. Wilson, Rt. 1, Box 207, Zionville 28698	1	1			3		5	16	9	1		40	1		67
Greenway	Mrs. Bertha Robinson, Rt. 4, Box 163-X, Boone 28607	1	2	2	1	1		7	18	14	21	25	40	8		126
Howard's Creek	Mrs. Emogene Miller, Rt. 5, Boone 28607	1	1			1		3	8	4			7	3		22
Laurel Springs	Mrs. Joyce Baker, Star Rt. 2, Fleetwood 28626				1	1		2				7	9	5		21
Mabel	Mrs. Evelyn Shelton, Rt. 1, Vilas 28692			1		1		2			4		15	3		22
Middle Fork	Mrs. Ann Ward, Poplar Hill Drive, Boone 28607		1	1		1		3		2	3		12	3		20
Mount Calvary	Ms. Barbara Shoemaker, P.O. Box212, Banner Elk 28604	1	1	1	2	2		7	6	6	2		14	3		31
Oak Grove	Mrs. Pat Swaim, Rt. 1, Box 203, Banner Elk 28604	1	1	1	1	2		6	10	9	8	15	33	9		84
Perkinsville	Mrs. Diane Fletcher, Rt. 2, Boone 28607	1	2	2	1	4	1	11	14	19	20	13	50	19	5	140
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Jean McCoy, Rt. 1, Box 191, Zionville 28698			1		1		2			5		15	4		24
Rutherwood	Mrs. Addie Clawson, Rt. 1, Boone 28607	1	1	1	1	1		5	5	8	8	12	28	8		69
South Fork	Mrs. Darlene Risk, Rt. 2, Boone 28607					1		1					13	4		17
Three Forks	Mrs. Joyce Hampton, Rt. 5, Box 234, Boone 28607	1	1	1	1	1		5	4	7	5	7	8	2		33
Willowdale	Mrs. Faye Farmer, Rt. 3, Boone 28607					1		1					15	1		16
Willow Valley	Mrs. Ivalee Harmon, Rt. 2, Vilas 28692	1	1	1	1	1		5	5	3	5	9	12	10		44
	TOTALS	11	18	15	11	26	1	82	99	128	105	112	470	103	5	1022

TABLE F BROTHERHOOD

ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD DIRECTOR

Mr. John D. Cook

107 Hillcrest Circle Boone, N. C. 28607

CHURCHES	BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	Crusaders	Pioneers	RA Director and Committee	Baptist Men Enrollment	Other Baptist Men Groups	Brotherhood Director & Other Brotherhood General Officers	Enrollment of Mission(s) of Church	Total Ongoing Brotherhood Enrollment	Miscellaneous Baptist Men
Bethel	Vann Farthing, Rt. 2, Vilas 28692	6		4					10	
Blowing Rock, First.		23	8	3	25	50	1	30	140	5
Boone, First	Dr. Larry Woodrow, 219 Morningside Dr., Boone 28607	11	19		30		1		61	
Brushy Fork	Ted Greene, Rt. 1, Vilas 28692									
Cove Creek	George A.L. Cook, Rt. 1, Box 321A, Vilas 28692		12	1	6		1		22	4
Greenway	H. Joe Shuford, Rt. 4, Box 206, Boone 28607	4	7	2	35		1		49	
Mabel	Edward Stokes, Oak Grove Road, Boone 28607				12				12	
Middle Fork		8							8	
Mount Calvary	Earl Shomaker, Rt. 3, Box 514, Banner Elk 28604	5	15	3	17		1		41	
Oak Grove	Lewis Coffey, P.O. Box 414, Boone 28607	16	15		21		1		53	
Rutherwood	R. V. Brown, Rt. 1, Boone 28607	6		6					12	
Perkinsville		12		2					14	
Three Forks	Walter Edmisten, Rt. 5, Box 309, Boone 28607									
	TOTALS	91	76	21	146	50	6	30	422	9

TABLE G TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES & STEWARDSHIP

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER Mr. Jerry Adams P. O. Box 126 Sugar Grove, N. C. 28679 TREASURERS & ADDRESSES	Number of tithers	Cooperative Program goal as % of total budget	Associational missions goal as % of total budget	Budget emphasis used during the year	Total tithes, all offerings, and special gifts	All other receipts	Total receipts	Money borrowed during the year	Church staff salaries	Money paid out on new construction during year	Debt retirement during year	Church literature	All other local expenditures	Total local expenditures
Antioch	No Report														
Beaver Dam	Ralph Davis, Rt. 2, Vilas 28692				1						1032		310	1123	2465
Beech Valley	Dean Ward, Rt. 1, Elk Park 28622				1	10782		10782		1780			290	4297	6368
Bethany	No Report														
Bethel	Mrs. Loy Farthing, Rt. 2, Vilas 28692	11	10	1.5	1	13350	901	14251		3320			364	2838	6522
Blowing Rock, First	Mrs. J. D. Jones, Box 552, Blowing Rock 28605	28	4	-1	2	50061		50061		24565		6441	1215	26422	58643
Boone, First	Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Buchanan, P.O. Box 261, Boone 28607	145	20	1.67	4	196172	2067	198239		68543			5549	19237	93329
Brushy Fork	Mrs. Alma Phillips, Rt. 5, Boone 28607					54175	1416	55591	10000	15805	2748	1858	1759	12690	34860
Clark's Creek	Mrs. Virginia Byrd, Rt. 1, Box 217, Banner Elk 28604	12	10		1	5140		5140		2280		582	245		3108
Cool Springs	Mrs. Clay Aldridge, Blowing Rock 28605				1	8540		8540		1338			126	752	2216
Cove Creek	Mrs. Peggy Sherwood, Rt. 1, Box 262, Sugar Grove 28679	30	13	1.5	1	34410		34410		14172	1869		1528	8027	25596
Elk Knob	No Report														
Forest Grove	No Report														
Friendship	No Report														
Gap Creek	Russell Wellborn, Deep Gap 28618				1	14645	1185	15830	10000	4583	16506	4000	221	2262	27572
Green Valley	No Report														
Greenway	Ms. Loyce Edmisten, 210 Morningside Dr., Boone 28607	84	14	3	4	102565		102567		28984		10607	2056	28951	70598
Howard's Creek	Ms. Pearl Norris, Rt. 5, Boone 28607	17	10		1	26147		26147		6100		14000	442	5251	25793

Laurel Springs	Joel Coffey, Rt. 1, Deep Gap 28618	25	3	4	2	27802		27802		9000	1437	2376	2984	4805	20602
Mabel	Mrs. Phyllis Norris, Zionville 28698	28			1	12474		12474		5385			522	4632	10539
Meat Camp	Melvin Greene, Rt. 2, Boone 28607		11.3	2.9	1	18196	295	18470		8435			522	6473	15429
Middle Fork	Lee Triplett, Rt. 4, Rogers Drive, Boone 28607	40	3	1.5	1	12728		12728		5754		1112	374	2697	9937
Mount Calvary	Mrs. Jean Crouch, Banner Elk 28604	16	10	1.5	2	27361		27361		8980		6478	1113	7745	24316
Mount Lebanon	Dean Danner, Rt. 2, Boone 28607														
Mountain Dale	No Report														
Oak Grove	Mrs. Lloyd Presnell, Rt. 3, Box 228, Boone 28607	95	19	.8	4	75204		75204	9788	118008		13000	2475	32764	68335
Perkinsville	Mrs. J. E. Greene, Poplar Hill Drive, Boone 28607		22	5	2	76849	1505	78354		23013			1215	2640	26852
Pleasant Grove	Joseph Warren, Rt. 1, Zionville 28698	27			2	16886		16886		9600	3384		860	1821	15666
Poplar Grove	Miss Lois Blackburn, Poplar Hill Dr., Boone 28607		10	2	1	16127		16127		5200	2803		442	1220	9665
Proffit's Grove	Clarence Cole, Rt. 5, Boone 28607				1	11537		11537		4393	2517	1767	350	2400	11426
Rich Mountain	Mrs. Maggie Moretz, Rt. 5, Boone 28607	6			1	10750	302	11052	12000	1633	31508	503	273	840	34758
Rutherwood	Howard Parlier, Rt. 1, Boone 28607	33	1.5	1.5	2	46419		46419		10137	6641	20010	1335	7735	39858
Shulls Mills	Mrs. Peggy Clark, Rt. 3, Boone 28607	2			1	2689		2689		1120			104	493	1717
South Fork	Mrs. Joan Jones, Todd 28684	25			2	18196		18196		6720			568	6763	14051
Stony Fork	Mrs. Betty Norris, Rt. 1, Box 122, Deep Gap 28618	20			1	16449		16449		8526	2026		560	1742	12855
Tabernacle	Glenn Stanbery, Rt. 1, Boone 28607					3350		3350		1522			134	675	2331
Three Forks	J. D. Harmon, Rt. 1, Boone 28607	45	2	2	3	46278	3240	49518	44000	15709	84580	1187	1638	5015	108129
Timbered Ridge	Lloyd Dishman, Rt. 1, Sugar Grove 28679				1	7363		7363		4146			54	918	5118
Union	No Report														
Vanderpool	No Report														
White Rock	Donald Smith, P.O. Box 194, Linville 28646	11			1	5484		5484		2400			95	1216	3711
Willowdale	James A. Duggar, 209 Delmar St., Boone 28607	15	2	2	1	20520	1500	22020		9700			500	6945	17145
Willow Valley	Osborne Harmon, Rt. 2, Vilas 28692				1	17385		17385		5490	4269		634	4675	15168
Zion Hill	Dennis Harmon, Rt. 1, Sugar Grove 28679				1	4080		4080		3248	1456		57	562	5321
Zionville	Mrs. Ollie Phipps, Rt. 1, Trade, TN 37691	18			2	19860	726	20586		6684			611	5115	12410
	TOTALS	733			*	1029974	13137	1043090	85788	346273	156876	83921	33514	222741	842409

*1—None; 2—Simplified; 3—Forward Program; 4—Alt. Forward Program.

TABLE H MISSION EXPENDITURES

SUPERINTENDENT
OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

Rev. Earl Pym

Route 2, Box 47 Boone, N. C. 28607

CHURCHES CHURCH CLERKS & ADDRESSES	CHURCH SPONSORED MISSIONS				OTHER MISSION CAUSE EXPENDITURES										
	Money paid out on new construction during the year	All other church sponsored mission expenditures	Total church sponsored mission expenditures	Cooperative Program	Association missions program	Designated: State missions	Designated: SBC Home missions (Annie Armstrong Easter offering)	Designated: SBC Foreign missions (Lottie Moon Christmas offering)	Designated: SBC Christian education (schools, etc.)	Designated: SBC Children's homes (cash plus goods)	Designated: SBC Hospitals	Designated: SBC Homes for the Aged	Designated: All other (Bible Society, Temperance League, etc.)	Total other mission cause expenditures	Grand Total Mission expenditures
Antioch — No Report															
Beaver Dam — Dean Wilson, Rt. 2, Vilas 28692							400	537	87	770					1794
Beech Valley — Odell Presnell, Rt. 3, Banner Elk 28604				230	100			198		56	34		122	510	740
Bethany — No Report															
Bethel — Edmund Farthing, Rt. 2, Vilas 28692				1360	90		85	430		130	74	50	779	1638	2998
Blowing Rock, First — Mrs. John D. Penn, Rt. 1, Box 350, Blowing Rock 28605				1211	420	75	250	500		100	221	75	320	1961	3172
Boone, First				36301	3439	298	1102	5517	30	1087	494	71	1889	13928	50229
Brushy Fork — Mrs. Blanche Wilson, Rt. 1, Box 55, Vilas 28692				894	2730	600	1360	3634		1038	924	800	1068	12154	13051
Clark's Creek — Bill Townsend, Rt. 1, Banner Elk 28604				514	60	20				17		62		238	752
Cool Springs — J. P. Palmer, Boone 28607							104			604	66			774	775
Cove Creek — Mrs. Blanche Perry, Rt. 1, Box 18, Vilas 28692				4226	901	164	549	1741	15	452	48	169	415	4454	8720
Elk Knob — No Report															
Forest Grove — No Report															
Friendship — No Report															
Gap Creek — Mrs. Sadie Church, Deep Gap 28618				167	120			10						130	297
Green Valley — No Report															
Greenway — Ms. Blanche Roberts, 400 E. King Street, Boone 28607				10609	2266	453	1758	3701	100	294	184	332	7802	16890	27499

Howard's Creek	Jack N. Greer, Rt. 5, Box 416, Boone 28607				1500	338			61	50	312		115	41	916	2416
Laurel Springs	Mrs. Mary Isaacs, Rt. 1, Box 4CC, Deep Gap 28618				1200	1200	100	50	1445		75	100			2970	4170
Mabel	Lewis Burkett, Zionville 28698				240	180			80		50				310	550
Meat Camp	Earl Greene, Rt. 2, Box 229, Boone 28607				250	300	258		391		338	344		100	1731	1981
Middle Fork	Lee Triplett, Rt. 4, Rogers Dr., Boone 28607				480	240	58	250	849		100	100		252	1849	2329
Mount Calvary	Earl Shomaker, Rt. 3, Box 514, Banner Elk 28604				2457	248	328	227	734		119	88	78	426	2247	4705
Mount Lebanon	Dale Hayes, Rt. 3, Box 319, Boone 28607															
Mountain Dale	No Report															
Oak Grove	Miss Beth Vines, Rt. 3, Box 255, Boone 28607				10601	1741	45	336	2204	10	71	54	42	300	4793	15405
Perkinsville	Dennis Greene, Rt. 4, Boone 28607				11440	2080		394	3002		56		25	75	5632	17072
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Virginia Wilson, Rt. 1, Box 68, Zionville 28698					197	54	341	1366		87	88	40	53	2227	2227
Poplar Grove	Mrs. Kathy Adams, Rt. 3, Box 660, Boone 28607				1829	240		72	236		94	16	60		718	2734
Proffit's Grove	Mrs. Elloise Bryan, Rt. 2, Boone 28607	400		400	100	300							87	300	687	787
Rich Mountain	Mrs. Clara Dancy, Rt. 5, Box 412, Boone 28607							319	60		107		75		561	561
Rutherwood	Claude Bodenheimer, Rt. 1, Box 71, Boone 28607				569	758	322	1072	1071		648	50	208	903	5032	5601
Shulls Mills	Mrs. Brenda Layell, Rt. 3, Box 397, Boone 28607							425	100		659			54	1238	1238
South Fork	Leslie E. Norris, Rt. 1, Todd 28684				50	234		85	260		245	150	150	378	1502	1552
Stony Fork	Mrs. Nina Greene, Rt. 1, Deep Gap 28618				611	120	104	412	216	148	412	153	227	23	1815	2424
Tabernacle	Fred Brown, Rt. 1, Todd 28684				180						52	35			87	267
Three Forks	Mrs. Helen Trexler, 724 E. Howard Street, Boone 28607				643	615	25	533	990		168	40	72	522	2965	3608
Timbered Ridge	Arlie Henson, Rt. 1, Sugar Grove 28679							578						796	1374	1374
Union	No Report															
Vanderpool	No Report															
White Rock	Mrs. Hade Smith, Rt. 1, Box 286, Banner Elk 28604		864	864							136	300			436	436
Willowdale	Mrs. Pauline Hicks, Rt. 1, Box 267, Vilas 28692				500	525		75	650		200	150	100	300	2000	2500
Willow Valley	Kenneth Greene, Box 13, Sugar Grove 28679				120	120		218	300		305				943	1063
Zion Hill	Ronald Ward, Rt. 1, Box 197, Sugar Grove 28679										611	50			661	661
Zionville	James R. Martin, Rt. 1, Box 67, Zionville 28698				300			300	300		212		72		884	1184
	TOTALS	489	864	1264	88285	19862	2904	11295	30583	440	9605	3763	2910	16918	96255	186871

TABLE I SPECIAL INFORMATION

MODERATOR

Dr. R. L. Newton

Box 371 Blowing Rock, N. C. 28605

CHAIRMEN OF DEACONS & ADDRESSES

CHURCHES		Bus attendance	No. of college students in Sunday School	Mentally retarded/deaf in Sunday School	No. of revivals	DOES YOUR CHURCH HAVE, OBSERVE, PLAN, USE, ETC.? 1-Yes 2-No													
						Doctrinal Emphasis Week	Major new bldg. or remodeling project within the year	Ch: the Sunday night place	Pastor have employment apart from church	Both black & white members	Graded worship services	Christian Home Week	Missions Committee	16mm film projector	BSSB VBS materials	Cooperative Program Sunday	Youth Week	RA Week	State paper in budget
Antioch	No Report																		
Beaver Dam	Clay Robinson, Rt. 2, Vilas 28692				2								1						
Beech Valley	Roscoe Brown, Rt. 1, Elk Park 28622				2														
Bethany	No Report																		
Bethel	Vann Farthing, Rt. 2, Vilas 28692														1				1
Blowing Rock, First	Dr. James Stines, Box 862, Blowing Rock, 28605		3								1	1			1	1			
Boone, First	Ben Suttle, Rt. 5, Box 148, Boone 28607		25		1		1			1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1
Brushy Fork															1				1
Clark's Creek	George W. Greene, Rt. 1, Banner Elk 28604				2										1				
Cool Springs	W. W. Austin, Blowing Rock 28605				1														
Cove Creek	George A.L. Cook, Rt. 1, Box 321A, Vilas 28692	12	4		1			1							1				1
Elk Knob	No Report																		
Forest Grove	No Report																		
Friendship	No Report																		
Gap Creek	Russell Wellborn, Deep Gap 28618				2										1		1		
Green Valley	No Report																		
Greenway	W. Thomas Snipes, 411 Stadium Drive, Boone 28607	24	30	7	2	1	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Howard's Creek	Baxter Miller, Rt. 5, Boone 28607	5			2				1						1				
Laurel Springs	Joe Coffey, Sr., Rt. 1, Deep Gap 28618				2			1				1		1	1				
Mabel	Luther Oliver, Oak Grove Rd., Boone 28607		1		2										1				
Meat Camp	Bill Stanbery, Rt. 2, Boone 28607				2			1							1				
Middle Fork	Johnny Walser, Possum Hollow Rd., Blowing Rock 28605		2				1								1				
Mount Calvary	Roy Kreige, Banner Elk 28604														1				
Mount Lebanon	Ray Baird, Rt. 5, Boone 28607																		
Mountain Dale	No Report																		
Oak Grove	Andy Kirby, Rt. 3, Box 24, Boone 28607		7		2							1			1	1	1	1	1
Perkinsville	Dennis Greene, Rt. 4, Boone 28607				1	1						1	1		1	1	1	1	1
Pleasant Grove	Tommy Cook, Rt. 1, Zionville 28698				2										1				
Poplar Grove	Earl Blackburn, Poplar Hill Dr., Boone 28607				2			1							1	1	1		1
Proffit's Grove	Johnny Johnson, Todd 28684				3				1						1		1		
Rich Mountain	James Dancey, Rt. 5, Box 412, Boone 28607				2	1			1						1				
Rutherwood	John Bodenhamer, Rt. 1, Boone 28607				1						1				1		1		1
Shulls Mills			2																
South Fork	Edgar Seatz, Todd 28684					1						1			1				1
Stony Fork	Riley Greene, Rt. 1, Deep Gap 28618														1				
Tabernacle	Milton Moretz, Rt. 1, Boone 28607				1											1			
Three Forks	Paul Perry, Hilltop Drive, Boone 28607				1									1	1				
Timbered Ridge	Spencer May, Rt. 1, Sugar Grove 28679																		
Union	No Report																		
Vanderpool	No Report																		
White Rock	W. C. Smith, Rt. 3, Banner Elk 28604				2		1		1										
Willowdale	Carter Matheson, Rt. 1, Vilas 28692				2		1		1	1					1				
Willow Valley	Wilburn Rominger, Sugar Grove 28679				2				1						1				
Zion Hill	Stacy Moody, Rt. 1, Sugar Grove 28679				1				1										
Zionville	Edgar Pardue, Rt. 1, Box 65, Zionville 28698		2		2		1								1				
	TOTALS	41	76	7	45	4	6	5	7	2	3	7	3	4	27	7	8	4	10

Three Forks Baptist Association

CHURCHES

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COUNTY

Antioch Baptist Church was constituted in 1849 in a log school house on Watauga River. Since the early records of the church were lost by fire not too much is known about the early life of the church. According to the records of Cove Creek Church a group in the Hix settlement petitioned that church for permission to organize a new church and Antioch Church was organized August 18, 1849 with 11 charter members from Cove Creek.

J. A. Farthing was probably the first pastor since the records of Cove Creek Church state that Antioch Church requested them to consider ordaining Mr. Farthing to preach the gospel because they (Antioch) needed his services, and the request was complied with.

It is thought that D. C. Harmon was the first clerk. L. W. Farthing, E. M. Greer and L. D. Ward were the first deacons whose names are on record.

Early in the history of the church the following men were ordained to the ministry: D. C. Harmon, J. M. Presnell, A. J. Harmon. Later J. M. Harman, L. W. Farthing and W. H. Glenn.

Antioch Church joined the Three Forks Baptist Association soon after the church was constituted and the Association has met with the church four times. A Sunday School was organized at an early date and for many years only met during the best months of the year but for many years has met every month.

Rev. Carl Wilson is the present pastor.

BEAVER DAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Beaver Dam Baptist Church was constituted by J. A. Farthing and D. B. Brown on the 7th day of November 1874. There were 23 charter members, 11 from Bethel Church, 8 from Cove Creek Church and 4 from Mt. Zion Church.

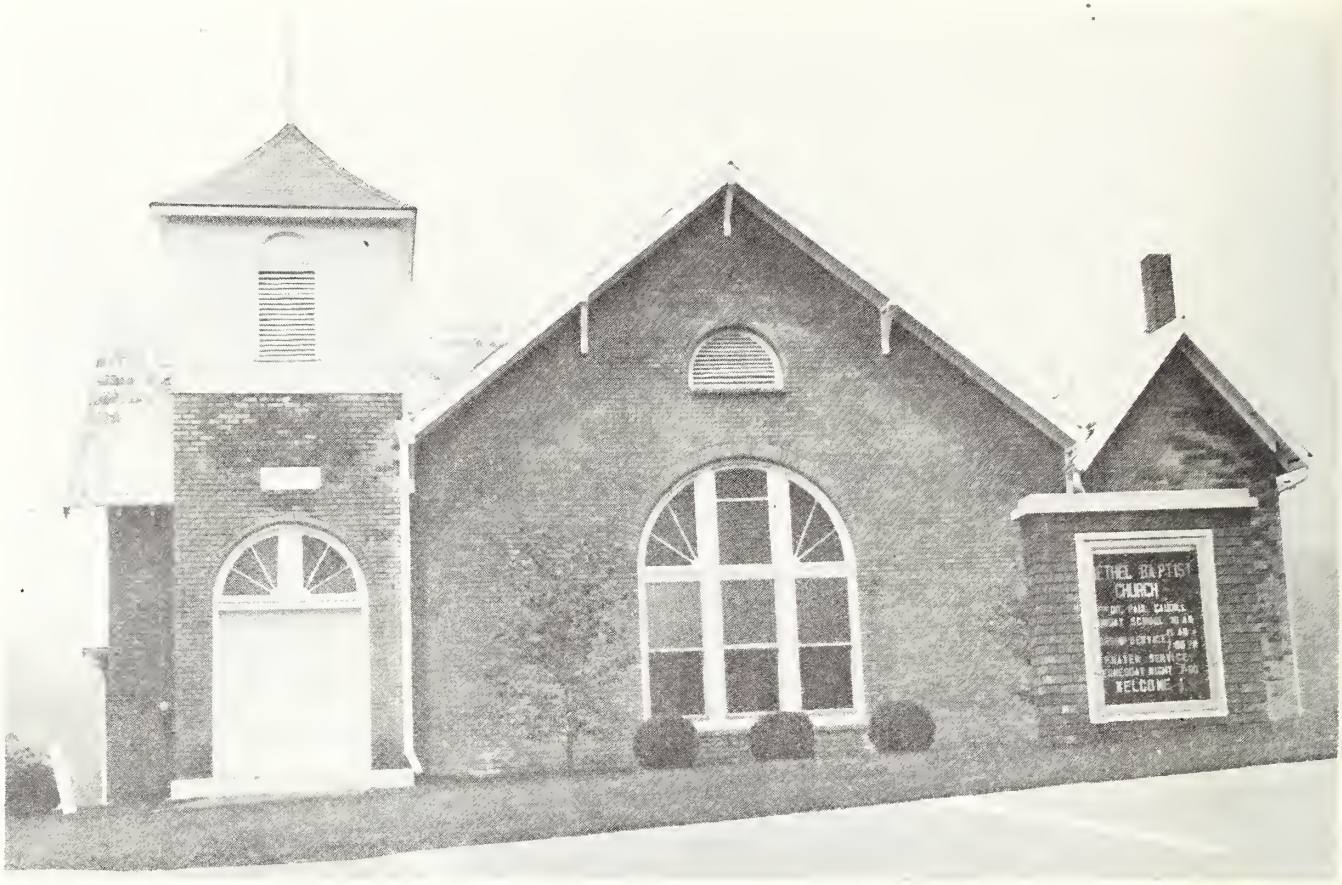
Two pastors were elected to preach for the church, J. A. Farthing and D. B. Brown, who served for 4 years.

The church has ordained 5 of its members to preach, namely: Jacob Hagaman, J. C. Johnson, Wagner A. Reese, Carl Wilson and Vaughn Greene.

In 1974 the church celebrated her Centennial, one hundred years of continuous worship and growth. The day was enjoyed by many members and friends of the church who participated in the preaching, singing and a bountiful lunch.

Beech Valley Baptist Church was constituted in 1941 by Rev. J. C. Canipe. People felt the need for a more centrally located place of worship in the community. The dwelling house and lot pictured above, were bought from Fred Dickens by Smith and George Harmon. A revival was held here by Rev. J. C. Canipe. Many souls were saved and a church was organized. Mr. Smith Harmon gave additional land for a new church building. By sacrificial efforts and interest of the people the building was finished in 1942 and dedicated in 1946. Pastors have been the Reverends Dwight Edmisten, Lawrence Hagaman, Ed Farthing, Will Cook, James Allen, Barney Oliver, Herring Crisp, Vaughn Greene, W. C. Payne, Linzy Hicks, Clyde Cornett, Gene Sherwood, Frank Womack and Max West. We are grateful to all who have served this church in various ways, and most of all we praise the Lord for souls who have been saved and His many blessings on us.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH



On July 4, 1851, ten members of the Cove Creek Church, having been released for the purpose, were constituted into Bethel Baptist Church. These charter members were: A. C. Farthing, M. N. Farthing, Rachel W. Farthing, Anne Farthing, W. B. Farthing, Anne W. Farthing, Stephen J. Farthing, Margaret Farthing, Nancy Johnson and Madison Johnson. At the new church's first meeting it requested to be admitted as a member of the Three Forks Association.

The church enrollment increased consistently, and during the next 20 years 184 members joined in the fellowship of the church, including a number of slaves. By the year 1892, the total membership had risen to approximately 325; in 1900, 485 and by 1930, 800 members had united with the church. The active membership in 1930 was 244. There have been three buildings erected for worship. The first was built soon after the church was constituted, the second in 1871 at a cost of $290.07 and the present building in 1924 at a cost of $8,000.00.

Bethel has been the parent church for three churches: Beaver Dam 1874, Timbered Ridge 1906, Mountain Dale 1941 (the majority of these charter members coming from Bethel and Beaver Dam). In September 1975, a portion of the membership, wishing to disassociate with the Three Forks Association and Southern Baptist Convention, withdrew and formed Calvary Baptist Church.

Bethel Church has ordained six ministers: A. C. Farthing, S. J. Farthing, J. H. Farthing, C. S. Farthing, L. C. Farthing and E. J. Farthing.

On September 21, 1975 the church voted unanimously to call Dr. R. Paul Caudill, the present pastor.

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BEECH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

August 29-31, 1899

Report On Home Missions

By Home Missions is meant the work of the Southern Baptist Convention in all the Southern States, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, New Mexico and Cuba.

The way has been opened for the Gospel in all these places, and if the Baptists do not occupy them and furnish the Bible and a pure Gospel to a waiting people. Advantage will be taken by teachers of error and the destitute places will be filled with false doctrines.

The unusual activity of the Mormons in these mountains and rural districts adds special emphasis to the call for help from these sections. Hundreds of Mormon missionaries are already at work in Tennessee, North Carolina and other parts of the South, and we cannot delay enlarged systematic and well planned work. Other errrors are being taught equally deceptive and soul-ruining as Mormonism. We need to be more liberal in the means which God has given us in supporting the Gospel in all these sections.

N. J. Phillips, C. L. Farthing, Committee

HOWARD'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

August 24-26, 1909

Report On Periodicals

The subject of literature is a very important one. The kind of reading matter which enters our homes has a great deal to do with shaping the lives and characters of our children. Impure, unwholesome literature will leave its mark on its readers, and perhaps lead them to engage in robbery, murder or other crimes, while good religious literature will lead in the opposite direction. John Bunyan had access to only two books in his youth, but they were good ones and led the right way.

Among the many periodicals which your committee would recommend are, the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field, also the publications of the Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tennessee. These are good and wholesome reading, and every Baptist home should be supplied with as many of them as you may be able to take.

Wm. Elrod, J. F. Davis, Comm.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Bethany Baptist Church was organized June 11, 1893, in a school house near the present church by Jacob Younce, John Crisp, I. J. McGinnis and A. J. Harmon with 7 charter members: W. J. Farthing, John Walker, Mary Walker, Alice Baird, Nancy Mitchell, Miles Benfield and Ida Benfield. At the same meeting the church was named and the Articles of Faith were adopted.

On July 15, 1893 the first pastor, A. J. Harmon and the first clerk, W. J. Farthing, were elected. W. J. Farthing and M. J. Benfield were ordained the first deacons on August 19, 1893.

The church met in the Cool Springs School House until the close of the year 1893 when the present church building was completed. In later years the building was enlarged and improved. The church is at present without a pastor.

BEAVER DAM BAPTIST CHURCH

August 28-29, 1934

Associational Progress

Whereas the churches of this Association have gone through the trials of another year, we believe from the best information we can get that progress has been made.

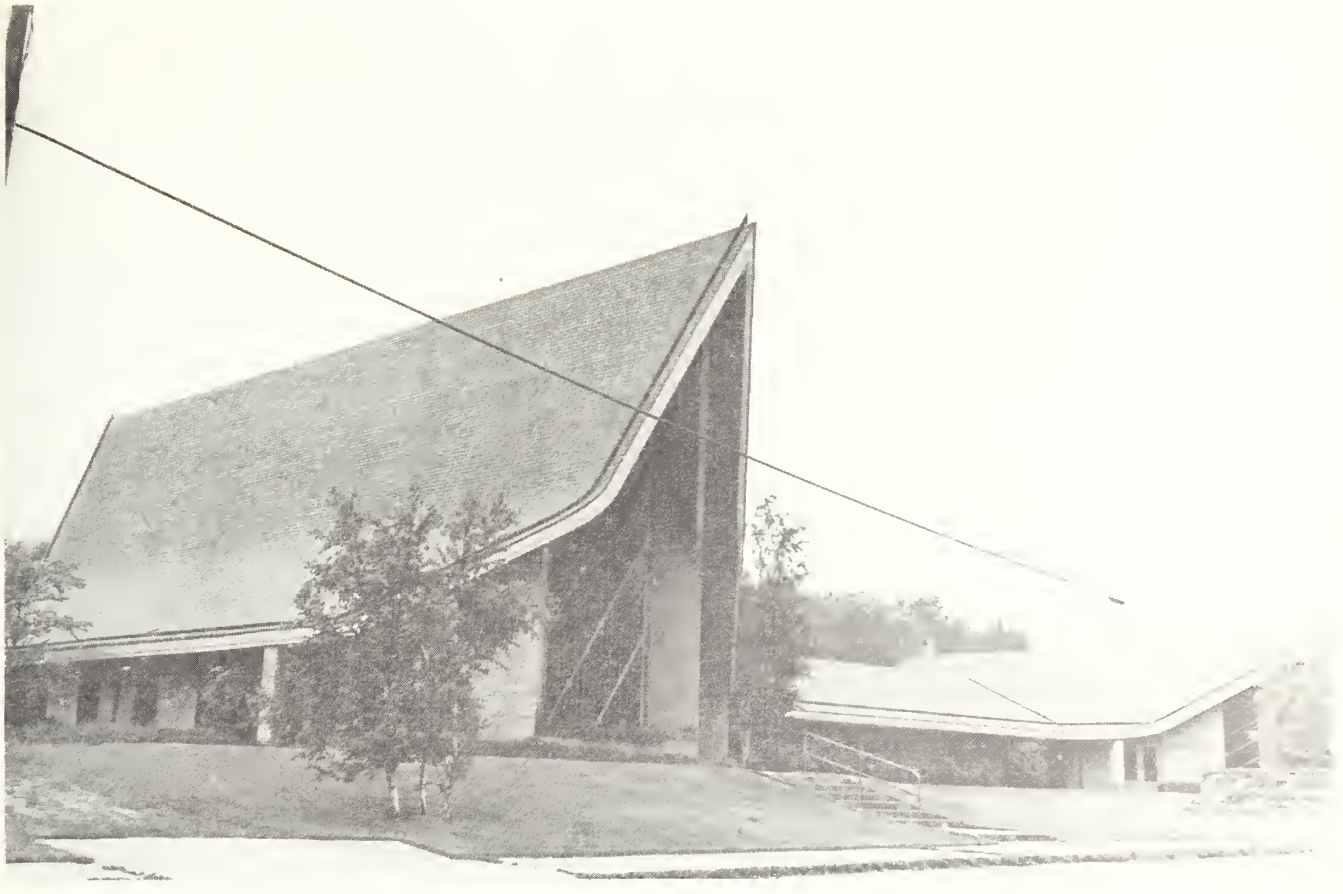
As far as we can observe the B. Y. P. U. Work is making fine progress in the Association.

We are sorry to report that our churches are making little or no progress along the line of Church Discipline.

Webgelieve that some of our churches would make greater progress if the pastors serving them would serve only three or four churches each, and not try to serve six or eight, which will kill any pastor and starve to death any set of churches.

Your Committee would recommend the following: (1) That we urge our pastors to attend the Pastors' Conferences and Fifth Sunday meetings more as these greatly strengthen and help. (2) That we urge our pastors not to serve more than four or five churches each. (30 That we give more encouragement to the B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. and the Sunday School work. (4) We believe our churches would make greater progress and take on greater life if our pastors and deacons and Sunday School teachers would preach and teach the Bible more on the subject of Christian giving.

R. C. Eggers



The First Baptist Church was constituted July 11, 1903, with twelve members. The first congregation met in the school near Mayview Lake. One charter member remains, Mrs. Sallie Hodges. Our first church home was erected on Main Street in 1905. At that time, the First Baptist, Boone and Cove Creek constituted a church field with our church. In 1913 the Woman's Missionary Union was organized with Mrs. Rose Garvey president. In 1924 a new building was erected and still stands as a reminder of more than 40 years of worship and service.

Rev. Ben Lee Ray, the first full-time pastor, was called in 1941 and the next year a parsonage was purchased. During the '60's the influx of summer friends reached flood-tide and the congregation was faced with the challenge of providing a church home adequate to the increased attendance as well as its own growth. In 1962, under the leadership of Rev. George Hyler, a building committee was formed, necessary plans were made and construction began in 1967. April 7, 1968 the first worship service was held in the Broyhill Chapel of the new building. The church's capacity includes a Sanctuary seating 360; a Chapel seating 160 and an Educational faculity providing for 200 in attendance.

In September 1973 our present pastor, Dr. Robert L. Newton, was called to the ministry of the church. Church renewal and innovative programs to meet the growing needs of the church are the focus at present. Our children and youth groups continue to grow. The steady influx of year-round residents present us with added opportunities. As this church looks ahead we can say with the Psalmist "Our lives have fallen in pleasant places; yea, we have a goodly heritage."

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BOONE

On the first day of September 1871 the Boone Baptist Church was accepted as a member of the Three Forks Association. Prior to that date six members of the Meat Camp Baptist Church, two members of the South Fork Baptist Church, and two members of the Brushy Fork Baptist Church, with seven other Baptists, had met in the Watauga County Courthouse and completed the church organization. The co-pastors of the new church were William Baldwin and J. W. Hall. During the one hundred five years since that time the church has grown from 17 members to 1200 members and provided a nucleus of 95 members for the Greenway Baptist Church.

The first building owned and occupied by the church stood on the present Rivers Street and was used until 1915, when a new building was erected at the corner of King Street and College Street. A Sunday School building was completed and occupied in 1929. Both Sunday School and Preaching services were held in this building until the present sanctuary was built in 1935. From 1960 to 1965 the church was engaged in a construction and remodelling program which culminated in the present structure.

The church now employs a staff of nine persons who seek to enable the congregation to realize its goal of being a "servant-church," reaching out to the entire community through the teaching of the Bible, faithful preaching of the Good News, and active social involvement in ministering to this community. In fulfilling our world-wide mission, we cooperate with the Southern Baptist Convention and the North Carolina Baptist State Conven-

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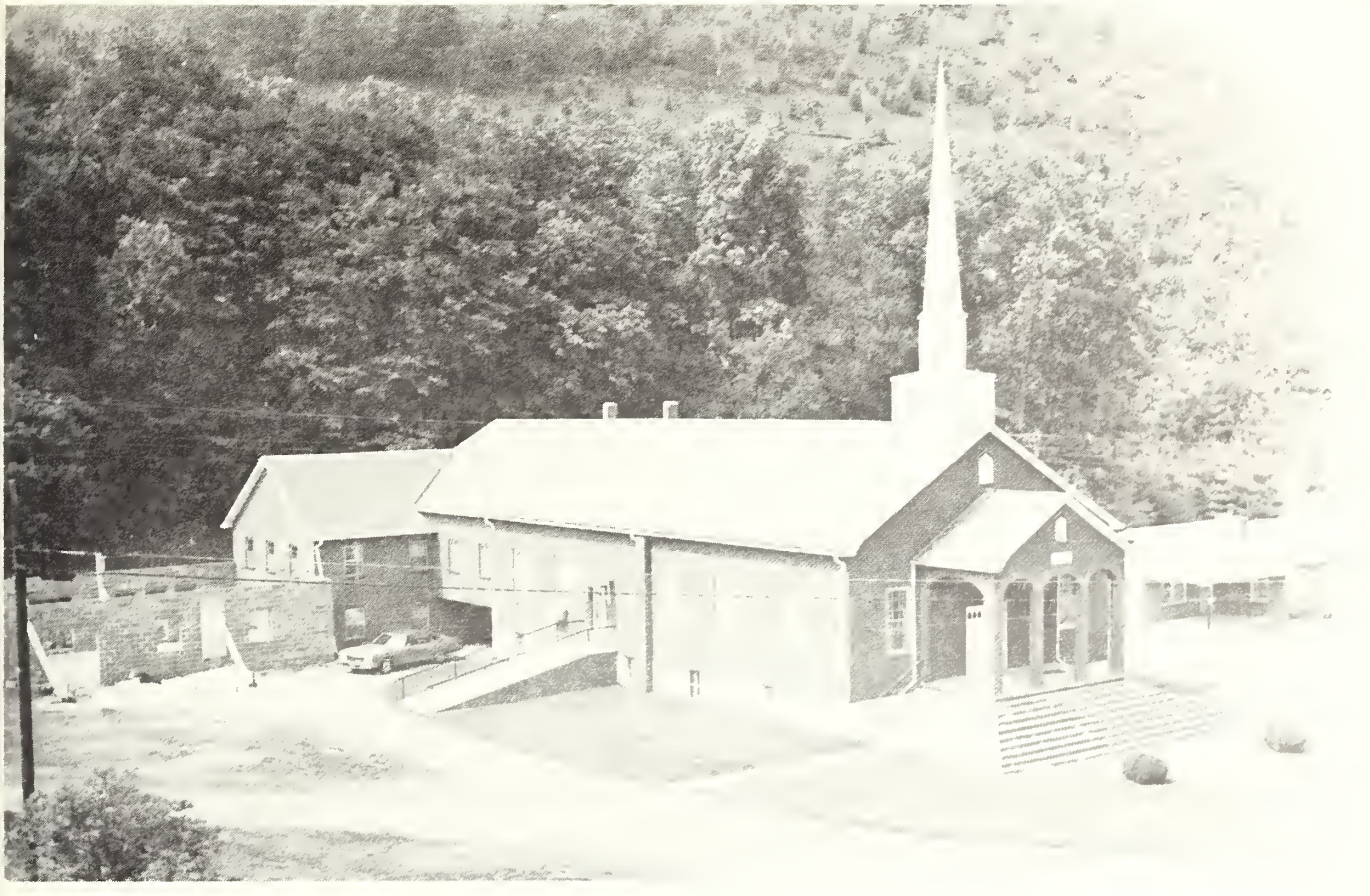

Brushy Fork Baptist Church was constituted February 26, 1858 by Joseph Harrison and D. C. Harmon in a small schoolhouse about one mile from the present building with 11 charter members.

The church was first called Philadelphia, but after 3 months it was changed to Brushy Fork. The first building was of logs and erected in 1860. In 1889 another building was completed and during the 1930's 5 Sunday School rooms were added. The present building was constructed in 1949 and the educational plant added in the 1960's. The parsonage was built in 1956 with additions made later.

Major improvements to the present church building have been made from time to time and in 1972, 20 acres of additional land was purchased which is a great asset. In 1975 a sound system was installed with equipment for taping the services. These tapes are taken to those unable to attend church. Also, during 1975 plans were made for the construction of a fellowship hall and additional Sunday School rooms which is now under construction and will be completed soon.

God has blessed Brushy Fork not only with material blessings but with spiritual blessings too. Through the leadership of some of our good pastors, the church has ordained two fine preachers, Ray Minton and Cannon Ward. Richard Baird has been licensed and is now preparing himself for full time Christian service.

The church has increased in membership from the 11 charter members to the present number of 320 resident members.

D. C. Harmon was the first pastor and served 24 years. The church is at present without a pas-

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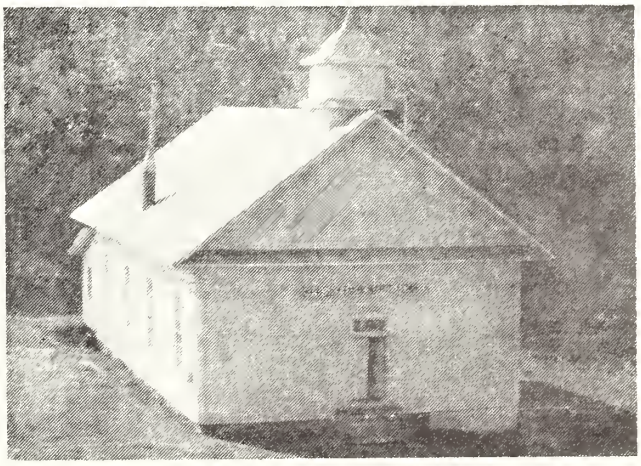

CLARK'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Clark's Creek Baptist Church was organized on October 22, 1898, with Rev. C. S. Farthing being elected the first pastor. The church was organized with 20 charter members. In the 78 year history of Clark's Creek Baptist Church there have been two buildings, the present building having been constructed in 1941. Currently the membership is 112 and the pastor is Rev. Billy G. Warren.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BOONE

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tion in all their sponsored programs and activities.

A total of 21 pastors have served the church. They are listed in order of their first pastorates: William Baldwin, J. W. Hall, D. C. Harmon, T. F. Nelson, I. W. Thomas, E. F. Jones, J. H. Yarboro, J. F. Davis, L. C. Wilson, J. J. L. Sherwood, J. H. Farthing, J. M. Payne, M. A. Adams, R. D. Cross, F. M. Huggins, P. A. Hicks, J. C. Canipe, W. G. Bond, L. H. Hollingsworth, J. Boyce Brooks, Robert C. Mann.

BRUSHY FORK BAPTIST

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tor but we are praying that God will continue to bless us and will soon give us an Under-Shepherd who will lead us further in a greater way for the glory of God.

Cool Springs Baptist Church was organized July 30, 1887 by the following presbytery: John Crisp, I. J. McGinnis, and R. K. Hartley, clerk, in a small school house. The charter members were: W. F. Knight, Martha Knight, J. M. Payne, Mrs. E. J. Payne, J. M. Hartley, Mrs. E. M. Hartley, T. M. Cannon, Louisa Cannon, J. C. Coffey, Mrs. M. E. Coffey and Emily Hartley.

They worshipped in the schoolhouse until 1889 when the first church building was erected. The second building was erected in 1909 and the present day brick structure in 1943.

I. J. McGinnis was the first pastor and T. M. Cannon the first clerk. J. M. Payne and W. C. Payne were ordained by the church to the gospel ministry.

The present pastor is Rev. David Greene and the membership, 112.

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LAUREL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

August 28, 1923

Duties Of Pastors To Their Churches

The duties of pastors to their churches as well as their responsibilities seem to be greater than in any previous age.

It is the duty of the pastor to study the condition of his church or churches, and to know their spiritual needs and then to prepare such discourses as are suitable for them.

It is his duty to preach the word in the church and out of the church, both public and private, in the home and our of it. The pastor should lead the flock out into green pastures: this is done by rightly dividing the Word of Truth and instructing them in the various activities of the work. The pastor should visit the sick, bury the dead, visit the homes of the people, preach by example as well as precept and thus be worthy of the vocation wherewith he is called. It is his duty to read our religious periodicals and keep himself informed as to the activities of the denomination. He should not lord it over his flock or act as a pope. It is not his duty to discourage the Mission cause as is sometimes done. The pastor should lead, but if he will not do so it would be a fine thing for him to go to the rear before his people say go there.

R. C. Eggers. L. A. Wilson

COVE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Cove Creek Baptist Church is the second oldest church established west of the Blue Ridge, having been constituted from the Three Forks Baptist Church September 13, 1799.

In the early years it was the custom of the church to have as many as three pastors at the same time who were called to serve the church as often as they could without remuneration. Samuel Vanderpool, Samuel Pittman and Abraham Linvil were the first pastors.

The first religious services were held in the homes. The first building, made of logs, was built in 1805. Since that time the church has gone through five stages of development from the first log structure to the present well-equipped building and pastor's home.

An important event in the history of the church is the beginning of Sunday School in 1867 and so far as is known, the first in the Three Forks Association.

Ten churches have been constituted from Cove Creek, thirteen men have been ordained into the Gospel Ministry, two have been licensed and two, a husband and wife, have been sent out as missionaries to Chile.

The church has now in its organization a Sunday School, Church Training, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood and Music Ministry.

J. R. Bouldin is the present pastor.

Elk Knob Baptist Church was organized in 1890. It has always been a small church in membership and Sunday School enrollment but has met a real need in the community where it serves. From this church has gone out leaders in many other churches in the Three Forks Association.

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BEECH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

August 29-31, 1899

Report Of Associational Missionary

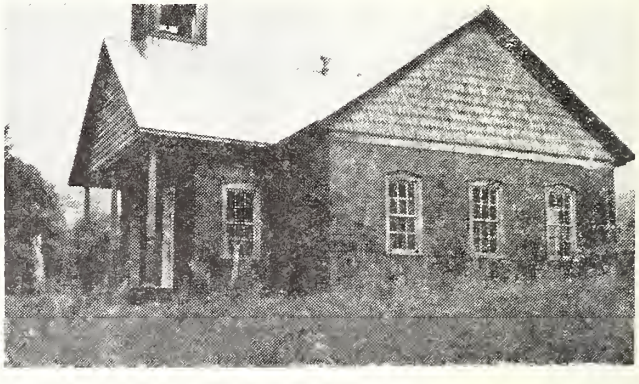
The following is a list of the work done on the field and amount collected and paid over by the committee appointed last year: Miles traveled - 275; Baptized - 7; Sermons preached - 31; Churches organized - 1 (Clark's Creek); New Sunday Schools organized - 1; Received - $18.64. Paid to the Building Committee of Clark's Creek Church - $19.14.

C. S. Farthing, Missionary

FOREST GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Forest Grove Baptist Church was organized April 20, 1889 by J. H. Farthing and A. C. Farthing with J. J. T. Reece as clerk of the presbytery. Smith Hagaman was elected the first clerk and J. H. Farthing the first pastor. The third Saturday and Sunday of each month was adopted for the meeting time. There were 33 charter members coming from Bethel and Beaver Dam Churches.

Forest Grove Church was one of the first in the Association to organize a Baptist Young People's Union — B. Y. P. U. — (Now Church Training) and a Woman's Missionary Union — W. M. U.: The W. M. U. in 1917 and the B. Y. P. U. in 1918.



Friendship Baptist Church was organized in 1948. Victor Trivette was the first pastor, C. C. Main, Sunday School Superintendent, and Glenn May, clerk. The first report to the Three Forks Baptist Association in 1949 showed a membership of 60 and 63 enrolled in Sunday School with an average attendance of 46.

Pastors who have served the church in addition to the first pastor are: L. H. Hagaman, S. S. Graybeal, E. O. Gore, W. A. Greer, Clyde Cornett, Boyd Hall, Ray Greene and the present pastor, Maurice Ward.

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LAUREL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

August 29, 1923

Baptist Young People's Union

The past year has been very successful for the B. Y. P. U. work throughout the state. There are two wholetime workers in charge, Perry Morgan and Miss Elma Farabow, and they are doing fine work. While the work is moving forward in the state, it is most unfortunate for us that there are only three Unions in our Association.

There are perhaps a number of reasons for this backward state of affairs: (1) The B. Y. P. U. is new and untried in this Association and we are not inclined to try a thing the first time. (2) There is a lack of information as to the nature and purpose of the Union. (3) There is a spirit of indifference among some of our pastors. (4) There is lack of encouragement on the part of church members. (5) No concerted effort has been made to get the work before the people and organize new Unions.

Our deepest concern now is for the future spirituality and efficiency of our churches. If we diligently conserve and develop the possibilities wrapped up in the youth of our churches, the time will soon come when we will have a trained church membership that will completely and effectively revolutionize the same. Let us strive to conserve, harness and develop the powerful mines and resources lying dormant in the hearts and lives of our fine young people.

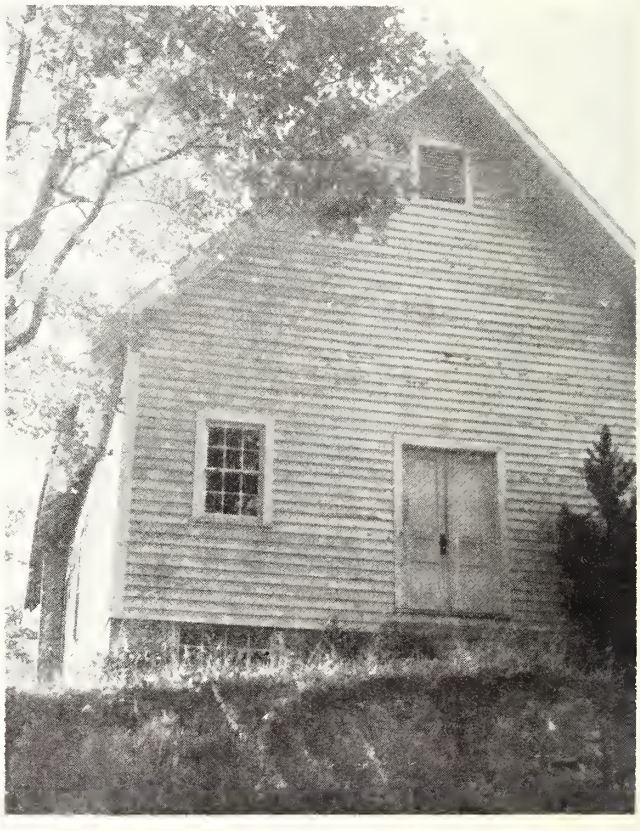
George R. Sherrill, Committee

GAP CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Gap Creek Baptist Church was constituted with about twelve charter members in Ashe County and became a member of the Three Forks Association in August 1842.

Sometime later the church erected a one room building in Watauga County, just across the line from Ashe County. This building served the congregation until 1939 when four Sunday School rooms were added. This made the building adequate for the membership of 134.

In 1952 a larger and more modern building was erected a short distance from the old church site. This was of brick veneer with nine Sunday School rooms, modern conveniences and a baptistry. In 1974 a seven room pastorium was constructed which is occupied by the present pastor. In 1974 thirty-one members left the church leaving the membership at 153. The present pastor is Rev. Lester Carson. The tenth session of the Three Forks Baptist Association was held with the Gap Creek Church August 23-24, 1850. It also met there in 1862, 1894, 1920, 1957 and 1975.



When Green Valley Baptist Church was organized it met a definite need of many people in that particular section of Watauga County who were not in close touch with any church.

Under the leadership of N. M. Greene, who became the first pastor, the church became a reality in 1946. The first report to the Three Forks Baptist Association showed a membership of 30. The last report several years later showed 124. The Association held one day of its Annual Meeting with the church in 1953.

GREENWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

In 1951 Dr. W. G. Bond and a few members of First Baptist Church, Boone, became interested in a Baptist mission for Boone's southside. On Friday June 22, 1951 Pastor Bond and some interested members met to repair and clean an unused service station on the old Blowing Rock road. Sunday June 24, 1951 the first service was held. First Church provided seats and a pump organ. August 1951 Martha Qualls conducted a Vacation Bible School with 35 enrolled. Midweek prayer services were conducted in homes until electricity was installed. Sunday classes were held in building, under trees and in cars. First revival was in September 1952 with Lloyd Cullers. July 1953 Eber Hudson came for services. BSU students supplied for several services with John Davis, leader, until Howard Barnes became pastor. Sunday School attendance averaged from 25 to 50. Several pastors served short-term service. W. R. Eaton was elected to serve beginning January 6, 1956. January 29th the Mission was dedicated in the new building. First Sunday February 1956, morning and evening services and Training Union were begun. WMU was organized May 1, 1956. The only wedding performed in the Mission was Joyce Shores and Gene Rayfield. July 6, 1958 Boone Baptist Mission was constituted as Greenway Baptist Church with 98 charter members with 1,000 people present. W. R. Eaton was elected Pastor and served 3 years. C. O. Vance was called and began his pastorate December 1, 1961. Church parsonage was constructed in 1961 and dedicated in July 1962. Another great day was Homecoming and Groundbreaking July 7, 1963 for the new sanctuary and educational space. July 4, 1964 Greenway's new sanctuary was dedicated. April 12, 1964 the baptistry was used the first time with 14 baptisms. C. O. Vance served until his retirement September 30, 1972 and be-

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Howard's Creek Baptist Church was constituted August 19, 1882 by Elders John Hughes and Larkin Hodges with the following members: Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Norris, Rev. and Mrs. Edmond Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Greene, Mr. and Mrs. John Hodges, Fannie Greene, B. E. Greene, W. R. Greene, Edward G. Minton, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Minton and Mr. and Mrs. Silas Penley.

The church has worshipped in three different buildings. The first building which was of logs, stood near the home of E. J. Norris. The second, a wood frame building, was built in 1900. The third, a brick building, was built in 1974-75 on property purchased by the church adjoining the site of the building erected in 1900. The first service in the present building was held March 16, 1975. Rev. James Ray Tester is the present pastor.

GREENWAY BAPTIST CHURCH **cont'd from page 78**

came Pastor Emeritus July 1973. J. C. Jones, Jr. became pastor March 1, 1973. November 2, 1975 groundbreaking was held for a new educational building. Greenway Church has ordained Dennis Wilson and Dr. Nevin Alwine to preach the gospel. Lonnie H. Wymer and Roy M. King have been licensed.

LAUREL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

The first efforts towards the organization of Laurel Springs Baptist Church were probably made by Joseph Brown, the only man in the community who was a member of any church. The first church was organized in a log building about 2 miles west of the present church site. The furnishings consisted of split logs for benches and other very crude pieces. It was here in October 1873 that Laurel Springs was constituted. There were 15 charter members coming from Stony Fork and Three Forks Churches. Michael Cook was the first clerk, Joseph Brown and G. D. Hendrix the first deacons, William Wilcox the first pastor and Billy Moore the first Sunday School Superintendent.

The church derived its name from a clump of laurel shrubs which were growing around a spring at the rear of the building.

Soon after the Baptist Church was constituted a Methodist Church was organized in the same building. Thus this log building became a place of worship for both Baptists and Methodists for approximately 15 years.

By 1893 the membership had grown to 155 and because the log structure was too small and not centrally located for the majority of its members a new building was constructed where the present one is now located. In 1938 the present auditorium was constructed. In 1947 the first Sunday School rooms, baptistry and rest rooms were planned and by 1950 were completed and was free of indebtedness. In 1957 the church saw the need of a pastorium so a full time pastor could live in the community. This became a reality in August 1959. This served the congregation until

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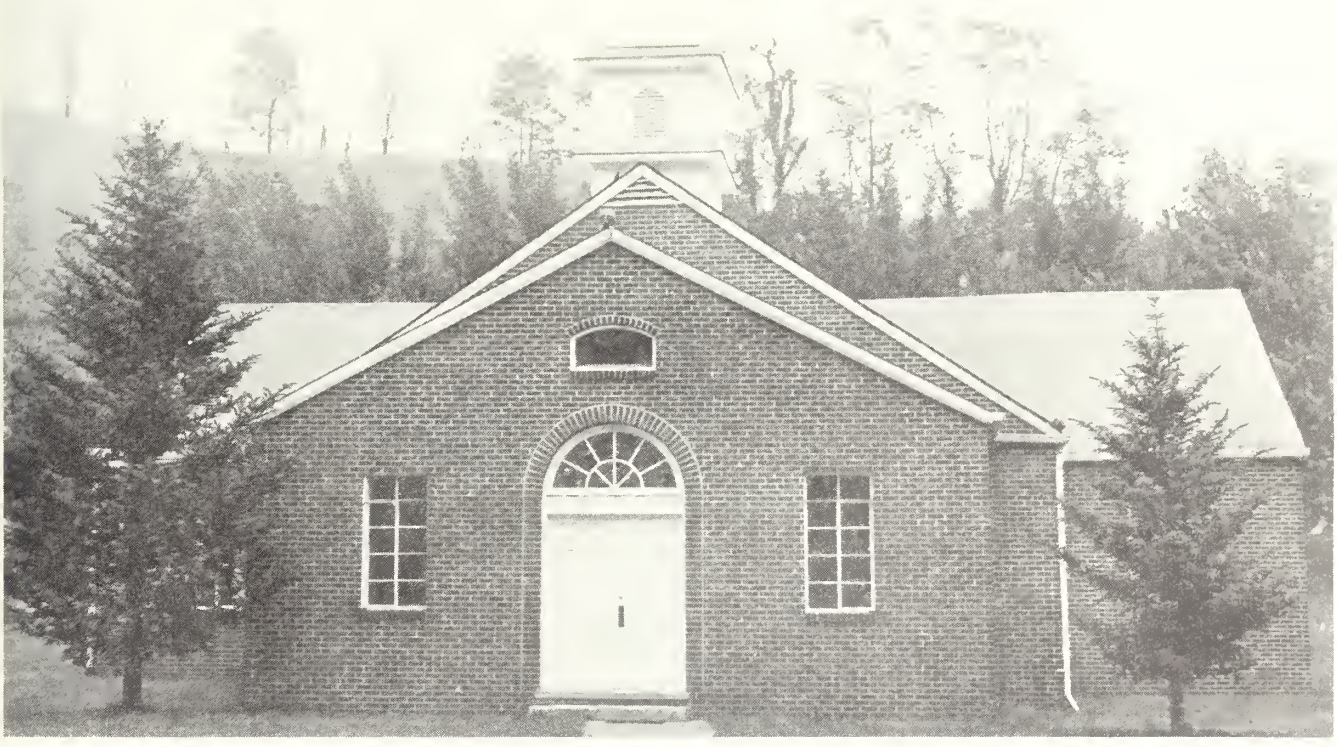

Mabel Baptist Church was organized March 7, 1948 in the Mabel school house. There were 40 charter members. The first pastor was Tommy Stanbery; the first deacons, R. H. Townsend, C. L. Younce, Jim Burkett and Fate Warren; the first clerk, Mrs. Helen Williams; the first treasurer, Fate Warren; and the first Sunday School superintendent, Lewis Burkett.

There have been 203 members of the church and the present membership is 110. Of the 40 charter members, 12 are still with us.

LAUREL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
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1971. Under the leadership of H. E. Benfield additional Sunday School rooms, kitchen facilities and parking space was added. The present property is valued at more than $150,000. In June 1976 the church purchased approximately 2.5 acres of land for more parking space and recreation area for youth activites.

MEAT CAMP BAPTIST CHURCH

July 26, 1851 — "We the presby that was requested to attend on Meat Camp to constitute a Baptist Church on second creek attended and examined the strength and find the strength sufficient. We therefore set them apart and give them privilege to act as a church open their door for the reception of members and all other business of church in a gospel way." Thus was the beginning of Meat Camp Baptist Church of the Three Forks Association. The original members included 6 from South Fork Church, 11 from Three Forks Church and 1 from Ebenezer Church, now Zionville. Meat Camp resident membership is 185.

Historical facts about the church include: Richard and Benja Green were designated on March 4, 1852 to be the first deacons of the church with Brother Squire Green added on April 4, 1852. The first Footwashing Service was held in June 1852. The first church letter was granted Brother John Green in October 1852. The first disciplinary action was taken in June 1852 when "Brother ——— came forward and stated that he had got out of the way by getting out of temper and the second action Brother ——— came forward and stated that he had got out of the way drinking too much spirits and the church thought it proper to look over their infermities." Dual pastors were elected seven different times, with the first two being Brothers Joseph Harrison and Jacob Green. The original meeting place was the Academy Building which stood on the site of the present building. The first church building was near Highway No. 194 with the present building being returned to the hilltop and built in 1927. According to the minutes of July 1851, the original meeting date was set to be held "on the third Saturday in each month". Brother

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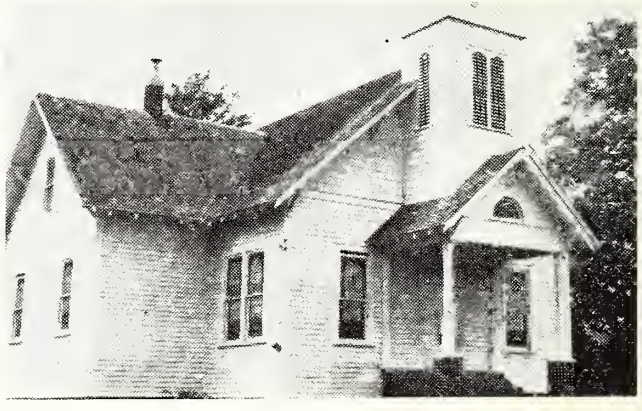

November 3, 1905 a group of persons met in a blacksmith shop and organized Middle Fork Baptist Church. There were 18 charter members. I. C. Miller was the first pastor and A. J. Shull was elected clerk.

The first church building was dedicated in 1907. In recent years it has been enlarged with a full size basement to care for the increased attendance. There is a fully organized Sunday School, Church Training and Woman's Missionary Union. Vacation Bible School is held each summer.

The Rev. George Berry came as pastor in 1976.

MEAT CAMP BAPTIST CHURCH

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Benjamin Green was "to take charge of the papers till we git a clerk." Meat Camp has had several different clerks with the present one having served since 1950. Indefinite pastoral call was extended in 1955 and full-time service was begun in 1965. Thirty-eight men have served as pastors with Rev. R. C. Eggers of Zionville, still living, having served the longest term — 16 years. At present there are 8 deacons and 2 honorary deacons.

In 1956 the cemetery, now supported by Memorial Day Offerings, was cleaned and regrassed. Buried on the grounds is one former slave, Tony. The baptistry was completed in 1974. The first contribution to the Association was the sum of $1.00 sent in July 1851. In September 1852, the first minister was licensed.

MOUNT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Mount Calvary Baptist Church was constituted in 1789 as Beech Mountain Church. In September 1886 the name was changed to Mount Calvary. Rev. Calvin Harmon was the first pastor. There were eight charter members. They were assisted in the constitution by Rev. J. W. Hall and Rev. D. C. Harmon, Elders of the Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ.

An old log school house, one mile from the village of Banner Elk, was used as a meeting house until a small frame house was built. This house served as a church and school building.

In 1898 the familiar white steepled church was built and served until 1932 when the present church was erected. An educational addition was completed in 1966. In 1973 the pastorium was converted into an educational facility and a modern pastorium was completed.

Ministers ordained are Sidney King, J. J. McGinnis, Roby Painter, Ira Hodges. These churches came out of Mount Calvary: Elk Valley, White Rock and Valley Haven. Bethany was given financial help when constituted.

Mount Calvary has been a member of the Three Forks Association since its beginning.

Rev. Dean Baughn is the present pastor.

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POPLAR GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

August 29, 1951

By motion duly made and passed the Clerk is directed to prepare the manuscript for the minutes, have 1000 printed and distributed to the churches and for this work he is to receive $40.00.

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MOUNT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

August 26, 1942

Report Of Associational Missionary

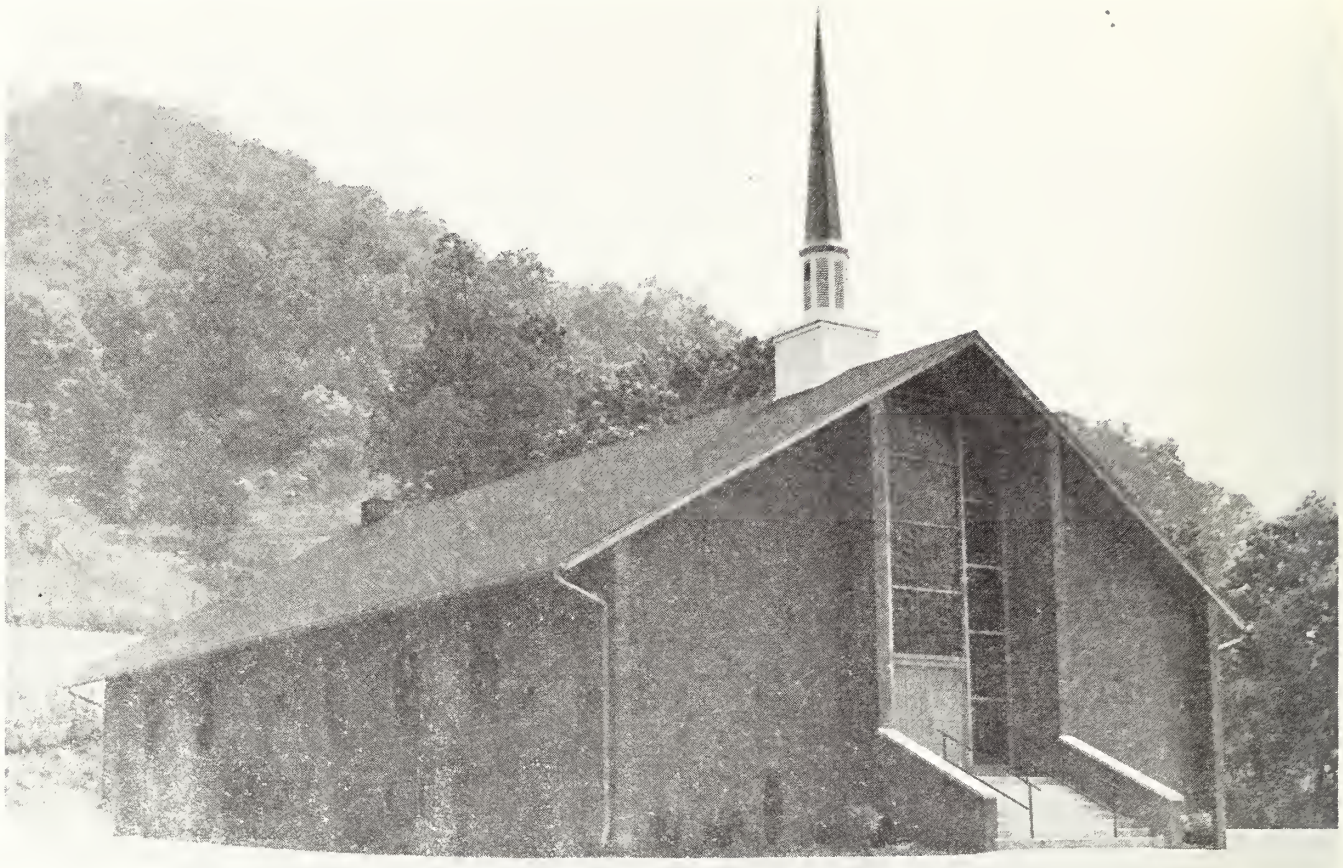
During the past year I have visited thirty churches and have also visited more than 700 homes. In doing this I have traveled ten thousand miles. I have conducted six revivals which resulted in forty-three conversions and thirty-eight additions to the churches. I have constituted two new churches: Mountain Dale and Tabernacle. The following amounts have been received for my work:

Missionary Work	$67.00
Revival Work	$100.00
Pastoral Work	$157.00
Total	$324.00

Of this amount I have given back to the work in building new churches $150.00.

N. M. Greene

MOUNT LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH



Mount Lebanon Baptist Church was constituted May 30, 1891 in the Bryan School House with 15 charter members. The name of the new church was suggested by J. D. Bryan. On May 31, 1891 the first pastor and officers were elected as follows: D. C. Harmon, pastor; J. D. Bryan, clerk; and G. W. McGinnis and J. D. Bryan, deacons.

The church worshipped in the Bryan School House for several years. About 1900 Alfred Hatley gave the land on which to erect a building but it was some years before the building was completed. From then until 1970, several improvements were made and additions built onto the original building.

March 16, 1970 the church met in special conference and decided to erect a new building in the near future. The church bought additional land, a building committee and a decorating committee were elected and authority given to dispose of the old building as soon as services were moved into the new building. June 17, 1973 the first worship service was held in the new building.

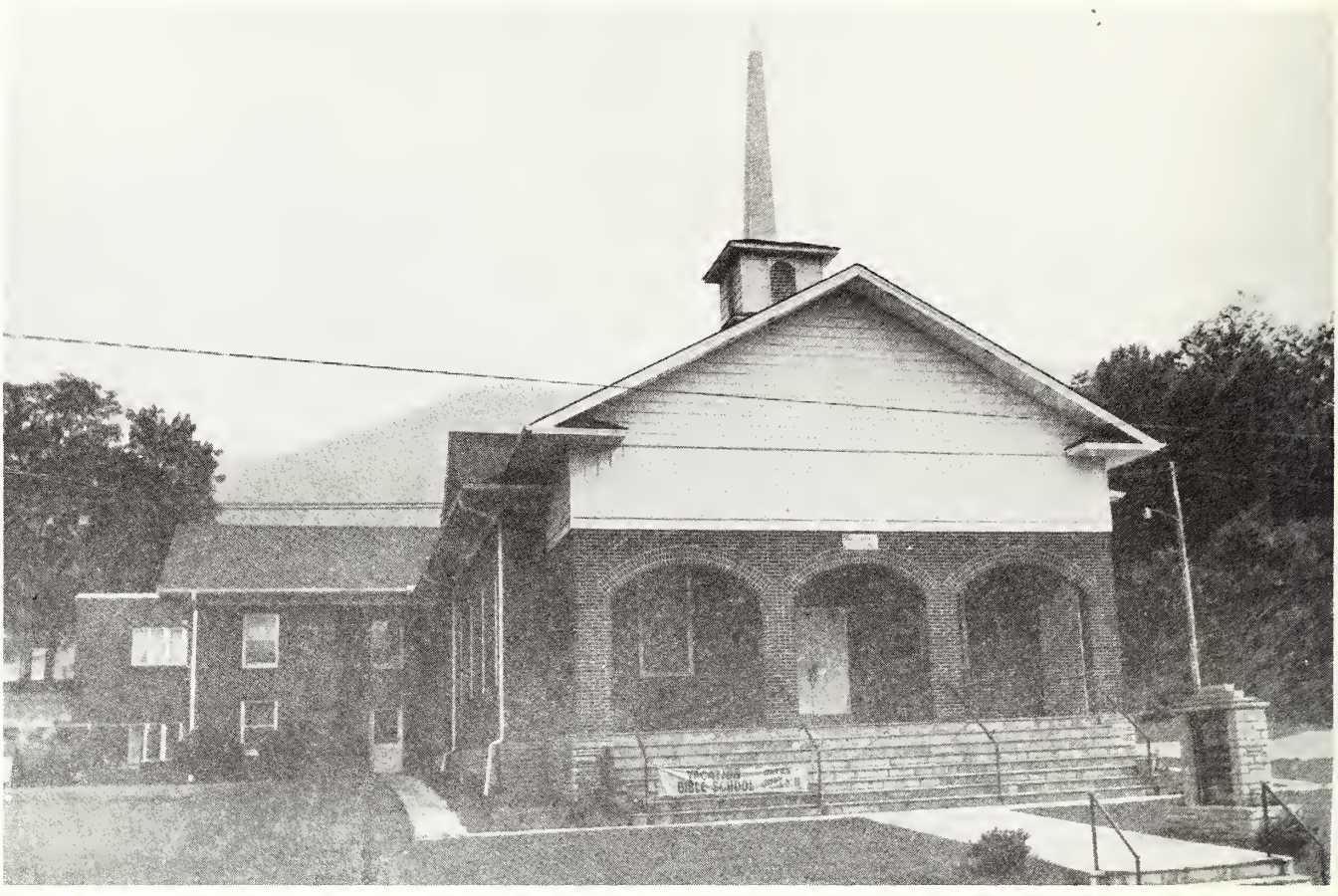
The total cost of the building and land was $115,411.10. With God's help and through tithes, offerings and contributions this was paid for in seventeen months.

Twenty-two men have served the church as pastor, seven of whom are still living.

Rev. Carl Wilson, the present pastor, was elected June 22, 1968 and we thank God for his faithful guidance through the years.

When the Three Forks Baptist Association met on August 25, 1942 at Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Mountain Dale Baptist Church applied for membership in the Association and was accepted. This church was organized under the leadership of Rev. N. M. Greene, associational missionary. Rev. Ronda Earp was the first pastor. The first year there were 31 persons received as members by letter and 9 by baptism. There were 81 enrolled in Sunday School and an average attendance of 75. Rev. Carl Wilson is the present pastor.

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH



Oak Grove Baptist Church traces its beginning to the establishment of a Sunday School in the Oak Grove School building in 1912. Worship services were held in connection with the Sunday School, the preaching being done by the pastors from Brushy Fork, Poplar Grove and Three Forks Churches. Rev. L. A. Wilson led in the first revival and a large number were baptized.

In a few years the attendance and interest had grown until a church was constituted on March 17, 1916 and named after the school and community—Oak Grove. Elders I. J. McGinnis and E. M. Gragg led in the organization. The charter members were: Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Foster, Grace Foster, Sue Greene, E. C. Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. Letcher Barnes, Stewart Barnes, Polly Adams, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. John Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hodges and Mrs. P. C. Wyke. Rev. E. M. Gragg was elected pastor.

The membership of the church has shown a steady growth from the original 17 members in 1916 to 402 in 1976.

A total of 11 pastors have served Oak Grove in its 60 year history. These are: E. M. Gragg 1916-17; W. A. Pennell 1917-19; E. C. Hodges 1920-23; F. C. Watts 1924-27; W. D. Ashley 1928-30; F. C. Watts 1931-38; G. A. Hamby 1939-46; C. O. Vance 1947-56; W. Walter Jones 1957-63; E. S. Morgan 1963-67; Fritz D. Hemphill 1967-71; Fred W. Reece 1972-Now.

Ordained as ministers by Oak Grove Church are: E. C. Hodges March 16, 1918; Howard Hodges August 25, 1954; and Howard Barnes October 24, 1954.

The Perkinsville Baptist Church was organized in an old store building in the Perkinsville community June 29, 1947. Baptist ministers present for the organization were Nathan M. Greene, R. C. Eggers and W. D. Ashley. There were sixteen who brought letters of transfer from other churches to constitute the new church; six others presented themselves for membership upon profession of faith and ten came under the watchcare of the church pending the arrival of their church letters.

July 13, 1947, at the first church conference, Rev. Nathan M. Greene was elected the first pastor, Woodrow Greene, clerk and Hoye Greene, treasurer. N. L. Barnes and Judd Barnes were elected the first deacons. At the second monthly conference, August 10, 1947, the church voted to join the Three Forks Baptist Association. The congregation met in the old store building until a new church building was completed in early 1950.

A passenger bus was purchased in 1951 to enable the church to reach people who had no means of transportation. In 1952 the church voted to finish the front of the church. In 1953 lots were purchased adjacent to the church property and a parsonage was constructed. During 1962 and 1963 an educational building was erected, parking lots paved and a stone wall built around the back of the church. In 1964, 1975 and 1976 additional property was purchased.

A church kindergarten was established in 1966, a teacher and a part-time youth director employed.

In 1973 the church voted to sell the parsonage and give the pastor a housing allowance. Plans are now being made for a new sanctuary and renovation of the old sanctuary. The total church membership is 407 with an annual budget of $62,748.

PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church was constituted June 14, 1891 by a presbytery composed of A. J. McBride, J. J. L. Sherwood and David Greene, with 26 charter members from Cove Creek and Zionville Baptist Churches. David Greene was elected pastor and Rufus Smith and James Isaacs, the first deacons. The church was admitted into the Three Forks Baptist Association when it met at Mount Gilead Church in 1891.

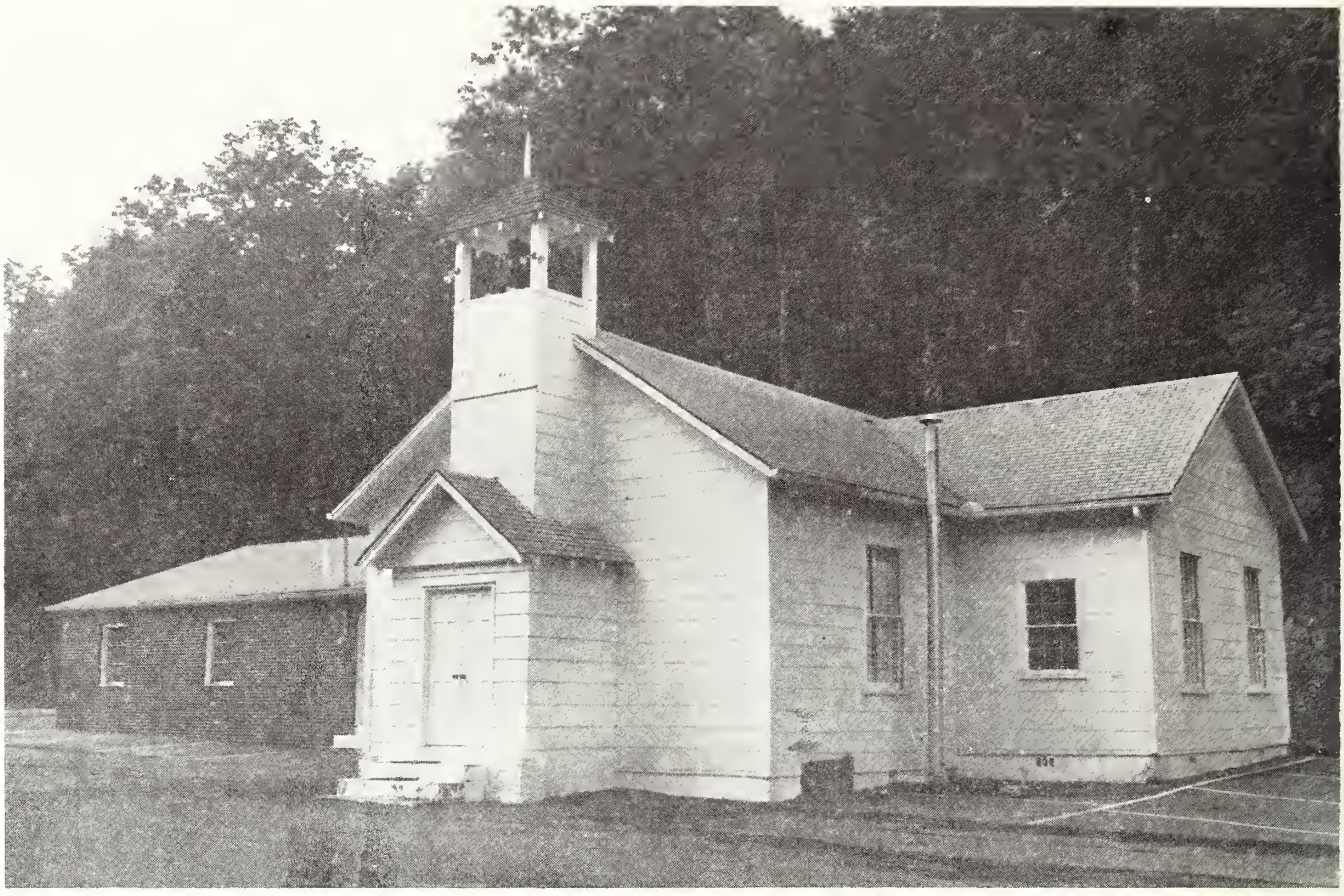
There have been 18 different pastors with the present pastor, Herbert McCoy, serving twice. B. R. Tuttle was the first full-time pastor, coming to the church in 1959.

The parsonage was built in 1941 and a new brick church building in 1962.

The Church has ordained to the Gospel Ministry John Hagaman in 1946; Robert White, 1972; James Ray (Pete) Tester, 1973; Harold Danner, 1975 and James Hagaman, son of John Hagaman, January 5, 1975.

Poplar Grove Baptist Church was constituted in the summer of 1872. The charter members came from Three Forks and Mount Vernon Baptist churches. The congregation met in a log building for eight years. Then a new frame building was constructed on the present site. The congregation grew until it was necessary to build a larger church. While the small church was being torn away and the present one was being constructed, services were held in the school house on the church lot. This took place in 1914. Sunday School rooms were later added with many improvements being made on the building and grounds since. More than 15 preachers have served the congregation since 1872. Poplar Grove was a member of the Stony Fork Association until 1932 when it joined the Three Forks Association. The Three Forks Association has met with the Poplar Grove Church twice, in 1951 and 1958. The present membership is 139. Rev. Donald Critcher is the present pastor.

PROFFIT'S GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH



Proffit's Grove Baptist Church was organized in 1911. Approximately 30 members from the mother church, Meat Camp Baptist Church, formed their church on land donated by Chap Proffit. Rev. L. A. Wilson was their first pastor. Land was later donated by Willie Proffit for a cemetery.

In 1948 one Sunday School room was added to each side of the church. Four Sunday School rooms and a kitchen were added in 1967. The work was completed on our Pastor's study in July of this year.

The Rich Mountain Baptist Church was established in 1905. The first membership was about thirty who came from Doe Ridge and Pleasant Grove Baptist Churches. The first pastor was Rev. Leonard C. Wilson.

After about four years of meeting in the old elementary school building, the congregation moved into the first church building. Meetings were held regularly in this building until Sunday April 11, 1976, when the congregation entered the new church building under the present pastor, Rev. James D. Hagaman.

We are very proud of the new church building with which we have been blessed, and are eagerly anticipating future growth of our church in the Lord.

RUTHERWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

The need for a church in the Rutherwood community had been felt by several people for a number of years. Those interested had organized a Sunday School which met in the school house.

In October 1938 W. J. Cook, at the request of the people in the community, held a revival meeting. The new converts did not wish to join a church outside their community and several members of other churches who lived in the community agreed that a new church should be organized. The new converts joined Mount Vernon Church and then procured their letters in a group. These with others from Three Forks and Laurel Springs—28—met in the school house and organized Rutherwood Baptist Church November 17, 1938. W. J. Cook was elected pastor and Mrs. Addie Clawson, clerk.

In January 1939 W. J. Carroll and Spencer Brown were ordained deacons to serve with D. C. Michael, an ordained deacon from Meat Camp. During this first winter services were held in the school house. A site for a church building was given by Eller McNeil and John W. Hodges and the building was erected in 1939. At the 1939 Session of the Three Forks Baptist Association, Rutherwood Church was admitted to membership.

Rutherwood Church has one of the most modern plants in our Association with ample room for all activities of the church.

Shulls Mills Baptist Church was established in 1888. It grew slowly until the early 1900's when the community of Shulls Mills began to grow rapidly. In the 1920's industry came to Shulls Mills. Boone Lumber Company was established. People came from miles around to the church. Most of them walked, some for miles. Then as the industry began to fade away, people began to move away where work could be found. Membership, in the church however, remained between 80-100. In the 1950's and 1960's the membership began to fall. In the 1950's the new church was built. Over the last few years membership remained in the 50's. We are a small church in number, but our love for our Lord Jesus Christ and our love for our fellow brothers and sisters is as big as the largest church.

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LAUREL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

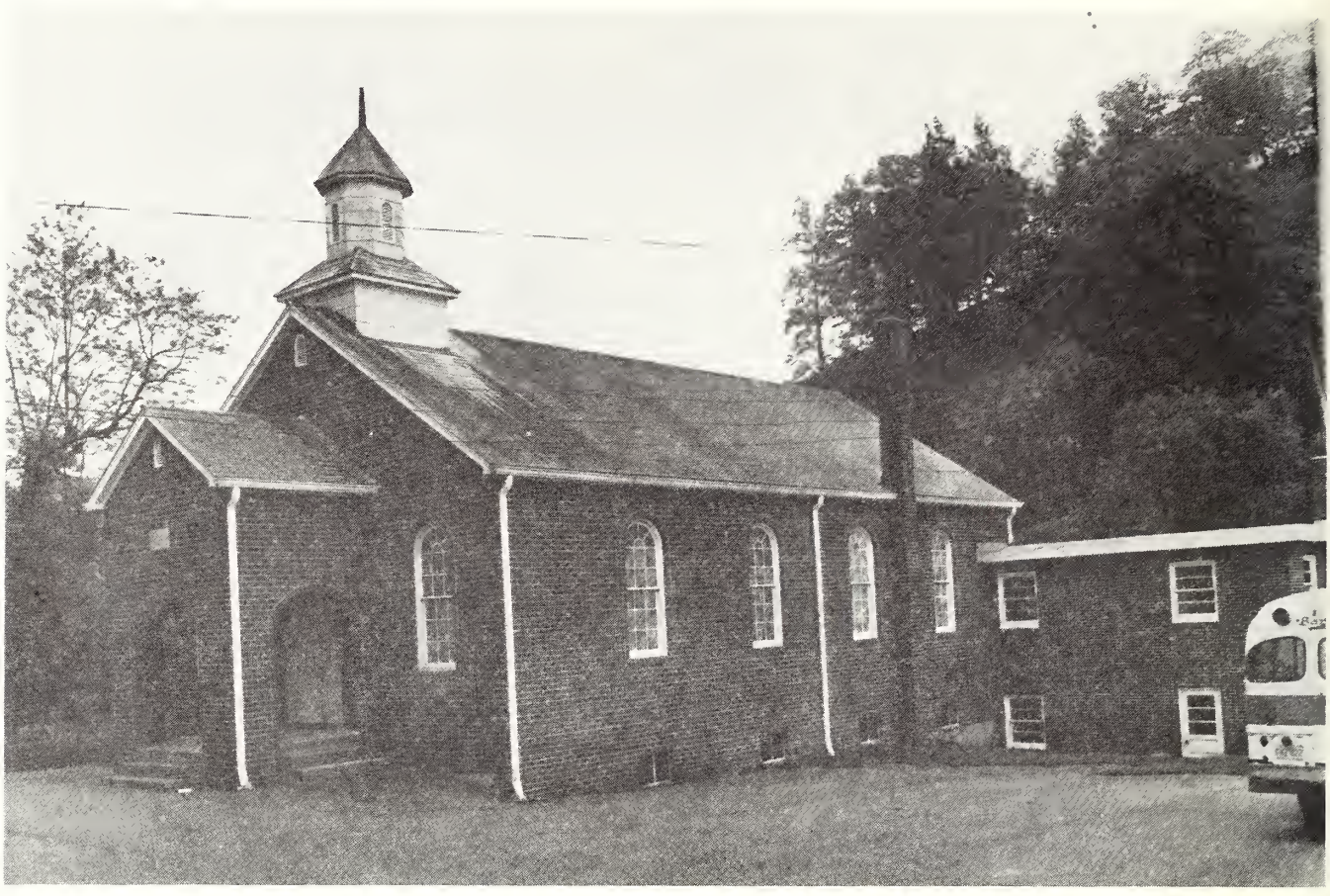
August 28-30, 1900

We are happy to say that the Sunday School work is on the increase. There is a good work being done and yet there remains a great deal to be done.

We do not believe there is any work, save the preaching of the Gospel, that is of such vital importance to the prosperity of the churches as the Sunday School. Its influence for good has been felt and realized all over the land. This body would therefore, insist upon the different churches to put forth stronger efforts to enlist the Sunday School. (At this time there were 26 churches in the Association, all of which had a Sunday School. But some remained open only during the months when the weather was agreeable. They would close during the winter months and reorganize in the spring.— B. P.)

George Roten, G. W. McGuire, committee

SOUTH FORK BAPTIST CHURCH



South Fork Baptist Church was constituted in 1833, but services were held prior to this and was known as Shiloh Meeting House. The land upon which the church was built was given by Joseph and Thomas Brown in 1832. The first building was a log building with split logs for seats. In the late 1800's the second church building was constructed.

When the church was constituted in 1833 there were eight charter members. Later the same year about 35 members were added by experience and 12 by letter. The first clerk was Nathaniel Church. Richard Jacks, William B. Swanson and J. W. McBryde all seem to have been preaching in the church and acting as moderator but no record is found that they were either elected or appointed as pastor. In 1838 the church sent two members to Old Fields Church to petition them for part of Isaiah Wilcoxen's time. The request was granted and he served as pastor. In 1890 Lewis Seatz agreed to be the church sexton, or janitor, and serve the church one year for $1.00.

During the pastorate of Rev. Raymond Hendrix the present church was constructed. The first services were held in the new building in early 1950. Since then additions have been made to the building, a baptistry installed and new furniture added. A parsonage was built and first used in 1965.

Rev. R. D. Byrd is the present pastor.

BLOWING ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH

May 5, 1944
Baptist Contribution To Christianity

Mr. Canipe especially emphasized the following beliefs of Baptists: (1) Regenerated church membership. (2) The New Testament is the only rule of faith and practice. (3) Immersion is the only baptism. (4) Independence of the local congregation. (5) Separation of Church and State. (6) Democracy in the Church government. (7) Belief in cooperation of the local Baptist church with other Baptist churches and other denominations.

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SOUTH FORK BAPTIST CHURCH

August 29-30, 1933

Report On Woman's Missionary Union

At the close of the twentieth year of the Woman's Missionary Union in Three Forks Association, we make our report with very humble hearts, realizing that we have not done all we should have.

Owing to the depression and the greater demands at home our contributions to missions and benevolences have fallen off, yet when we take into consideration ther personal service work done by the societies we are made to feel that we have accomplished something during the past year.

Our Annual Meeting was held in Boone Baptist Church. A large delegation was present and every woman went back home resolved to "Launch Out" in the Master's cause.

We now have 13 young people's organizations and 11 W. M. U's, 5 new organizations in the past year. We contirbuted to missions last year $553.78. Your committee recommends that the pastors especially use their influence and try to lead the women of their churches to organize themselves into Woman's Missionary Societies. We urge our pastors and laymen to attend the Quarterly and Annual Meetings of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Mrs. Hattie S.Johnson, Mrs. D. P. Coffey, committee

THREE FORKS BAPTIST CHURCH

August 27-29, 1940

J. C. Canipe offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted. Resolved, that the Three Forks Association in its 100th session at the Three Forks Church, August 27, 1940, go on record for the following: (1) That we call upon the members of the next Legislature to give us a referendum on the question of liquor and beer in the state of North Carolina. (2) That we call on our officers of the law in North Carolina to enforce the law against slot machines and all gambling devices. And that we pledge them our support in such enforcement. (3) That we as individuals and as churches will do our part against the above named evils. (4) That we will make an honest effort to carry the gospel of Christ to those who are engaged in this nefarious business.

Thursday evening August 29, 1940 a historical pageant celebrating the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of Three Forks Chruch and the Centennial of the Three Forks Association was given at Boone Baptist Chruch at 8:00 p.m. (The pageant depicted the beginning of religious work of the Baptist Denomination in the territory that is now Watauga County from the days of the Indians to the present. The pageant was based upon historical facts as shown by minutes and records available. The names of the characters in the pageant were the actual people who took part in the organization of the Church andAssociation.) It was written by J. C. Canipe and was directed by A. Antonakos of the Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N. C.

STONY FORK BAPTIST CHURCH

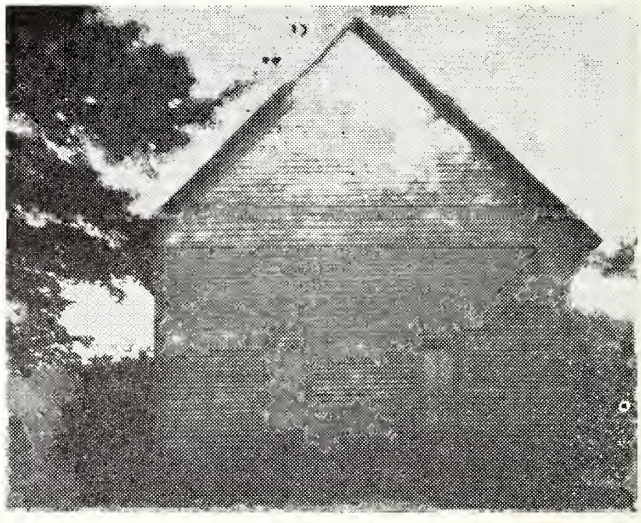
Stony Fork Baptist Church was constituted November 19, 1841, with 39 members from Lewis Fork, Old Fields and Three Forks Churches. The first pastor was Elder William Church. Thirty-one pastors have served the church through the years. The present pastor is Rex Foster.

Stony Fork has ordained the following ministers to preach the gospel: Finley Carlton, Solomon Greene, Jr., Isaac Miller, Henry Smith, Macon Greene, Homer Greene, Sherill Wellborn and Raytee Greene.

Stony Fork joined Lewis Fork Association in 1842 and when Stony Fork Association was organized it was a member. It joined Three Forks Association in 1911 of which it is still a member.

Stony Fork Church was constituted in a log building about one mile down Stony Fork Creek from where the present building stands. In May 1866 the church agreed to build a new meeting house. The old building was sold for $5.00 and a new log building erected which was used for a school house also.

The present building is of masonry and frame construction with brick veneer providing ample space for worship, Sunday School and other phases of church work. It was dedicated in 1941.



A revival meeting conducted by N. M. Greene, assisted by J. C. Canipe and Ronda Earp, began at Miller Schoolhouse Sunday October 12, 1941. The meeting continued for two weeks with services each night. Five conversions were reported. During this meeting a movement arose to establish a Baptist Church in the community.

A Sunday School was organized October 26, 1941 with the election of Mrs. K. W. Brown, Superintendent, and a prayer meeting begun.

Because of the interest of a number of citizens in the community it was thought advisable to purchase the Miller Schoolhouse from the Watauga County Board of Education. After considerable discussion this purchase was made for $775.00, and later a part of the first was sold for $125.00.

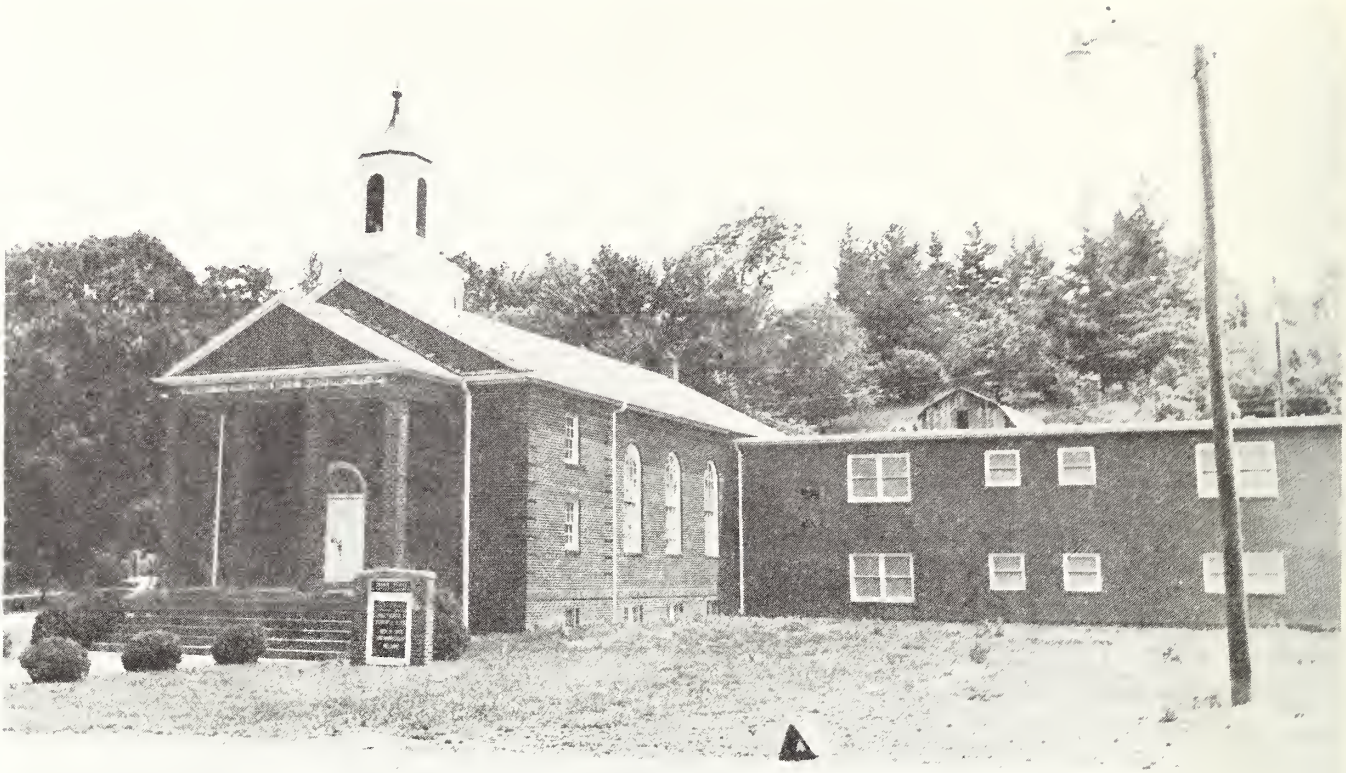
In the autumn of 1964 construction of a new building adjacent to the old building was begun. The new building was occupied in 1965 and was formally dedicated September 1, 1968. Later improvements included carpeting of the sanctuary, installation of suspended ceiling in the basement Sunday School rooms and the recreation room, and the purchase of a new piano.

A valuable addition to the church grounds was donated by Mrs. Julia Phillips in 1971. A deed to the Norris Cemetery plus additional space was granted the church in 1975 by Milton Moretz and is now named the Norris Tabernacle Cemetery.

Charter members were: N. M. Greene, Wade Byers, Lloyd Stanbery, Litha Norris, Roxie Brown, K. W. Brown, Fred Brown, Julia Phillips, Mrs. Tom Jackson, Vanna Stanbery, Glenn Stanbery, B. H. Phillips and Cecil Moretz.

Pastors have been: N. M. Greene, Arlie Moretz, W. J. Cook, Lloyd Cullers, Roby Painter, Raymond Hendrix, Wendel Critcher, Glenn South, Archie Clawson, Lewis Hodges and the present pastor, Raymond Hendrix.

THREE FORKS BAPTIST CHURCH



The history of the Three Forks Baptist Church began when North Carolina Baptists migrated to an isolated mountain region beyond the Blue Ridge. In that westward movement many Baptist pioneers came to what is present day Watauga County. Some of these pioneers found a new home in the New River section while others moved westward into Tennessee and Kentucky.

The Three Forks Baptist Church, established November 6, in 1790, was a result of the migration of Baptists to the New River section of Wilkes County, now a part of Watauga County.

The Three Forks Church was instrumental in establishing many new churches and it eventually became the mother of an entire association of churches in the New River section.

The church set up rigid standards of conduct for its members and expected them to live up to the standards. Church discipline was the one moral force that exerted a powerful influence on the Baptist people in the Three Forks Church and other Baptist churches in the area.

The building program of the church evolved according to membership and needs. The first building for Three Forks was reportedly a rude

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Timbered Ridge Baptist Church was organized February 16, 1906, at Timbered Ridge School House with 32 charter members coming from Bethel, Antioch and Mount Gilead of the Three Forks Association. Two members came from Mountain View and one from Sugar Grove Church of the Watauga Baptist Association of Tennessee.

Rev. John F. Eller was chosen as the first pastor. A Sunday School was organized at the same time and has been active ever since.

The Three Forks Association met with the Timbered Ridge Church in its Annual Session in 1922.

May 1, 1942 the Spring Session of the Association met with the church. At this meeting the church was dedicated. N. M. Greene, pastor, led in the dedication service.

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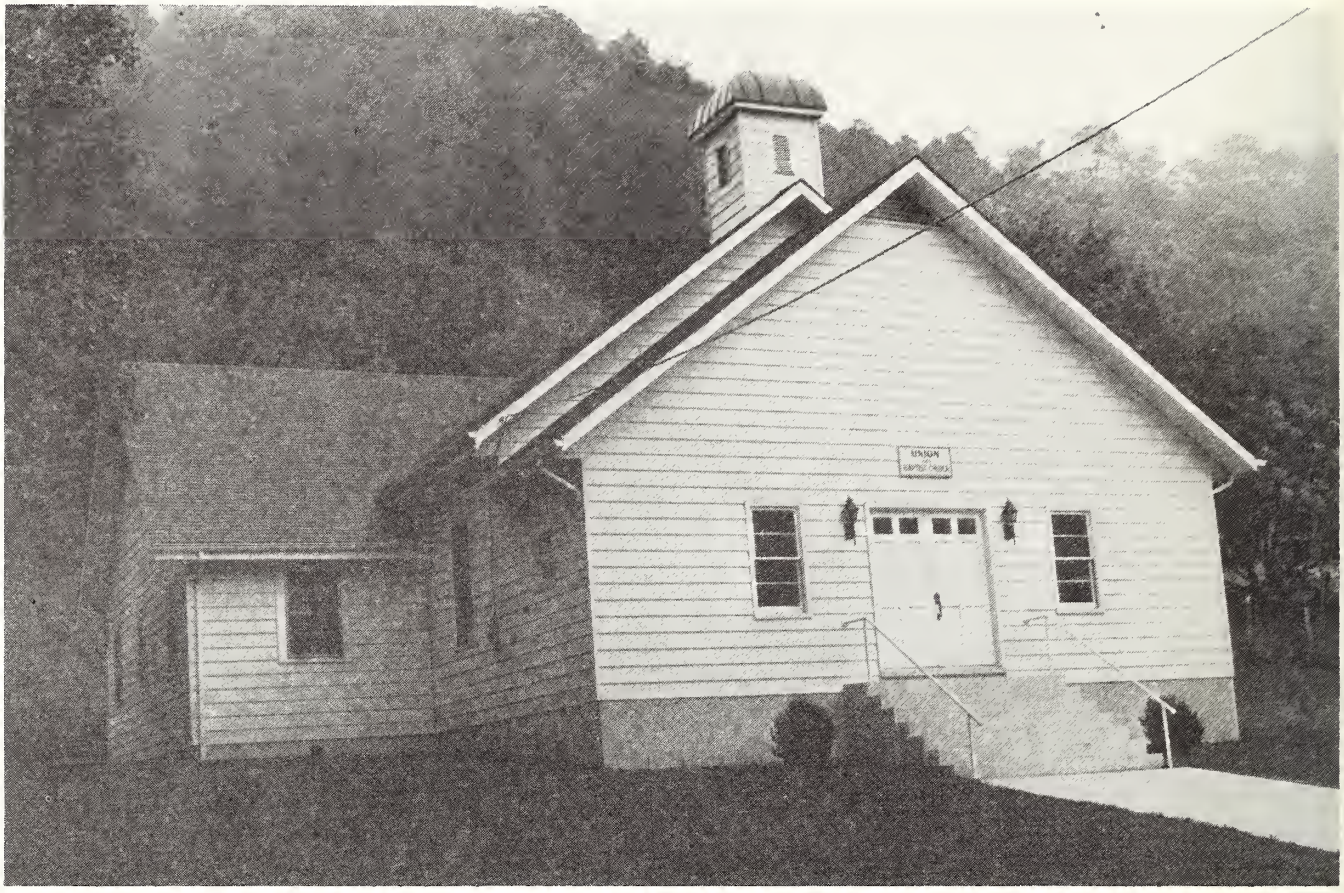
log cabin without chimney or windows; one or two subsequent log buildings were probably used, one definitely being built in the early 1800's. The frame structure shown in the picture was built in 1866. It was located on the New River, east of Boone, about one-fourth mile from the present bridge on U.S. Highway 421 that crosses the South Fork of New River. A monument marks the original site. A graveyard of Civil War and Revolutionary War members of the church is nearby. The church moved and rebuilt in 1923 on Highway 421 just west of South Fork New River Bridge. The church built the present structure in 1948 and added a wing in 1975. Recently the church remodeled the main structure through-out.

Three Forks has its first minutes preserved in their original copies.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH



Union Baptist Church was organized August 1, 1885 at North Fork, Mabel, N. C. There were twelve members who came from Zionville and organized the church. John Hughes was the first pastor.

The church has grown from the 12 charter members to 284 at the last report.

August 1, 1939 a building program was started. The old building was torn down and the site excavated and a new building erected with a large auditorium and 6 Sunday School rooms. Improvements have been made through the years and the present building is the result.

This church joined the Three Forks Association in 1902.

Rev. W. A. Greer is the present pastor.

White Rock Baptist Church was organized August 26, 1945. The presbytery was made up of the following: Rev. Ira Hodges, Rev. R. C. Eggers, Rev. G. A. Hamby, A. L. Watson, M. P. Ward and Homer Shomaker. R. C. Eggers was appointed moderator. After being questioned on their Biblical beliefs, the group was given the right to become a church. G. A. Hamby was elected pastor and Mrs. Ruth Shook clerk and treasurer. A large rock cliff, called the White Rocks, gave inspiration to the name White Rock Baptist Church. There were 16 charter members: J. D. Shook, Mae Shook, James Ruppard, Audrey Shook, Rhonda Shook, Earl Ruppard, Willie Ruppard, Rosa Vannoy, L. D. Ruppard, Bynum Shook, Blaine Byers, Ruth Shook, Velva Vannoy, Mildred Shook, Nora Ruppard, and Pauline Shook.

October 28, 1945, L. D. Ruppard, J. D. Shook and Rommie Ruppard were ordained the first deacons. Dayton Jones was elected pastor in 1947. Other pastors have been Ned Hughes, Hade Smith, Wendell Critcher, and Orville Wallace who is currently serving the church.

The original building has been destroyed and the present building was recently remodeled. Membership has grown from the original 16 to the present 96.

The land for the church and cemetery was a gift from Brother Hoyle H. Shook.

ZIONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

August 25-26, 1936

Report On Temperance

Your Committee on Temperance submits the following report: (1) That the beauty of temperance be stressed in all our religious activities. (2) That the officers of the law are not expected to do the work of church members. (3) That we do not sleep on our jobs. (4) That we give assistance instead of criticism to the officers of the law. (5) That as citizens we keep public opinion healthy by sermons, addresses, programs and the press. (6) That the work being done by the United Dry Forces in our schools be commended.

W. F. Sherwood, A. I. Greene, Committee

VANDERPOOL BAPTIST CHURCH

Vanderpool Baptist Mission, a mission of Cove Creek Baptist Church, met August 16, 1953 for the purpose of constituting a Missionary Baptist Church. R. C. Eggers was moderator. There were 20 charter members — 11 from Cove Creek and 9 from Willowdale. By unanimous vote, the name of Vanderpool Baptist Church, was adopted.

Rev. Gene Sherwood was elected the first pastor; Ted Eller, Sunday School Superintendent; Mrs. Maye Eggers, Training Union Director; Mrs. Eunice Eller, W. M. U. President; Jay Isaacs, treasurer; and Dexter Eggers, clerk.

Willowdale Baptist Church was constituted February 25, 1911 with 29 charter members from Cove Creek and Brushy Fork Churches. Since all the first church records were lost in a fire, not much is known of the early years. S. L. Fox was the first pastor and B. S. Dugger the first clerk.

A Sunday School was organized at the time the church was constituted and has always been active. Today there is also an active Church Training program and a Woman's Missionary Union.

Willowdale Church has ordained Delmar James.

The present officers of the church are: Cannon G. Ward, pastor; Steve Ward, Sunday School Director; Miss Corrine Greer, Church Training Director; Mrs. Faye Farmer, W. M. U. Director; Mrs. Pauline Hicks, clerk and James A. Dugger, treasurer.

The present building was constructed about 1960 and has adequate facilities for the membership.

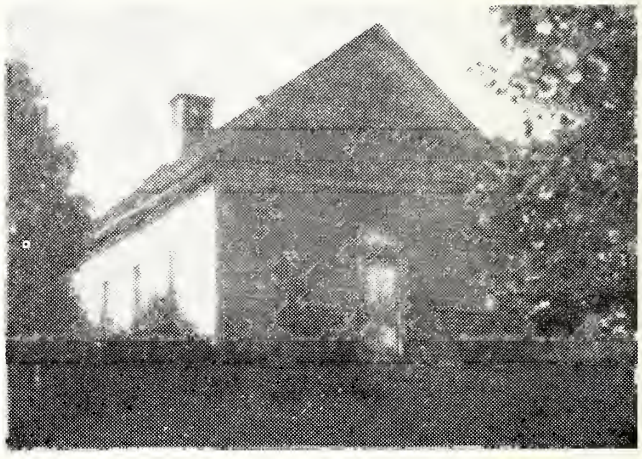
WILLOW VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Willow Valley Baptist Church was organized February 9, 1935, with 31 charter members. The first pastor was W. J. Cook. The two first deacons, J. O. Ward and Dillard Greene were ordained at Antioch Baptist Church. Soon after Willow Valley was organized G. C. Ward, J. R. Phillips, and L. D. Harman were ordained deacons. The first clerk was D. W. Edmisten.

Willow Valley has ordained three men to the Gospel Ministry: D. W. Edmisten, Raynor Matheson and Roby Greene.

The church has had an active Sunday School and prayer meeting since its organization and now has an active Woman's Missionary Union.

In the 1940's a new building was erected near where the old one stood. This building has been added to and improved since. The present membership is 151. Rev. A. Ray Minton is the present pastor.



Zion Hill Baptist Church was organized in 1886 by D. C. Harmon and Jacob Younce with 26 members. The first pastor was A. J. Harmon, the first clerk D. W. Hagaman and the first deacons Eli Harmon, E. T. Presnell and D. W. Hagaman.

The first sermon was preached by Reuben Farthing in 1885 before the building was completed on the subject, "Job and His Patience".

Elder A. J. Harmon donated the site and was the moving spirit in the building and organization of the church and was a tower of strength until his death. Many others worked tirelessly to erect and maintain the church. The new church building was completed in 1948. In 1975 the building was bricked, Sunday School rooms added in the basement and in 1976 a steeple installed.

The church ordained the following to the ministry: John Keller, L. H. Hagaman, Tommy Stanbery, Kermit Combs and Kermon Hagaman.

The present deacons of the church are: Stacy Moody, Ronald Ward, Dwight Brown, Raymond Brown and Luther Harmon. Rev. Quincy Norris is the pastor.

ZIONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Zionville Baptist Church was constituted August 13, 1836 by Isaiah Wilcoxen and Barzilla McBride. The first church building was of logs, stood in the middle of the present cemetery and was called Ebenezer. In 1872 the name was changed to Mount Zion and was later changed to Zionville. The second building was a large frame building that would seat 500 people and stood where the present church building stands. This building was taken down in 1929 and the present one built.

Zionville Baptist Church began with 14 members from the Cove Creek Baptist Church. In the 1890's a Brother Hicks helped the pastor, E. F. Jones, in a revival and 60 people were saved and baptized.

Zionville Church loves the Three Forks Baptist Association and has been a member since 1836.